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"Present and past . . . inseparably wrought
Into the seamless tapestry of thought."

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Miss Ames

Dedication

"In trinity, for liberty, for truth, and beauty
Ring ever, oh bell."

This verse, chosen by Miss Ames to be inscribed on the Ames Bell which once adorned the steeple of the Elizabeth Somers Chapel, embodies the true spirit in which she served our school for so many years. Her graduation in 1881 from Mount Vernon was only the first in a chain of events that interlocked her life with M. V. S. After completing studies at the New York Library School, Miss Ames returned to Washington to fill the position of librarian here at Mount Vernon. Her next twenty-eight years were crowded with projects and activities for the enrichment of the constantly growing school. Her singlehanded organization of the fund raising drive for the Elizabeth Somers Chapel led to the dedication of the Ames Bell in recognition of her service. The most recent addition to our campus, Ames Hall, was dedicated in her honor only this year.

Her presence at various school functions seems to add a special meaning to the occasion, for with each passing year the bond between Miss Ames and Mount Vernon is strengthened by mutual devotion and trust. In recognition of her love and service so freely given to our school, we, the Cupola Staff of 1956, proudly dedicate our yearbook to Miss Anne Seymour Ames.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. LLOYD

ENVOI 1956

The fairies' gift at the cradle of the Class of '56 must surely have been the gift of happiness for from the very beginning this has been the quality which has endeared you to us, and which we shall miss when you say, "Good-bye." It has been shown in many ways—the quiet friendly kind of happiness which leaves a warm glow where it is felt; the spilling-over effervescence, infectious as laughter, which is the love of life itself; the highest kind of happiness which comes from doing things without any thought of self. It is because we are grateful for this precious gift of happiness which you have shared with us, that we dedicate anew to you the song of the little shepherd which comes down to us from the 13th century:

THE LITTLE SHEPHERD'S SONG

The leaves, the little birds and I
The fleecy clouds and the sweet, sweet sky,
Heigh ho what a day! What a lovely day!
Even too lovely to hop and play
With my sheep—or sleep—in the sun!
And then, oh then, I sing right on
To the leaves and the lambs and myself alone—
For I think there must be—inside of me—a bird!
In your hearts may there always be the bird-song of happiness!

Oliver Lloyd.

The Tapestry of Life

The tapestry is our life. We are the weavers. Parents, teachers, time, and circumstance develop the pattern. The tapestry is long, intricate and unfinished. It is woven of many threads, gathered, a few at a time, from each person we have met, each experience we have known. The tapestry is woven in many sections, much as our lives can be sectioned into chapters, and in the end, the indeterminable end, the sections make up a whole. The portion symbolizing our life from its beginning through four years at Mt. Vernon is finished.

Let us look now at our tapestry and analyze its parts before we remove it from the loom and give each graduate her copy. At the base of the loom, the first threads represent love, guidance, and understanding. They came, of course, from our parents who with patience, taught us the fundamentals of weaving; of life. What unbounded gratitude and devotion we owe them for selecting such durable and high quality thread.

Higher up on the loom, a change can be noticed. The design is no longer plain and simple but has assumed a more complex nature. This is the result of our early school years when we learned more difficult weaving methods. The design in this section is more varied that that of the first. The influence of our parents on our earlier weaving, however, can still be seen. The changing pattern indicates our beginning to think for ourselves, to devise and try new and original techniques. There were mistakes, many of them. They weren't unnoticed, nor could they be taken out. We could only attempt not to repeat them.

Still higher on the loom, the design takes on a more irregular pattern. This is expected, since, as we advance in years, our knowledge and interests are broadened, our ideals and beliefs are changed, and our personalities are influenced by the world around us.

Our years at Mt. Vernon are particularly noticeable. This part of our tapestry, so painstakingly woven, is flecked with vivid color and the flaws are subdued by the intricate design. As a whole, it appears to be perfect. On close examination, the network of threads is involved and seemingly entangled. It appears that some persevering and skilled weavers have nearly mastered life's most difficult tasks. Stepping back again to get the full perspective of these last four years, we recognize a general pattern throughout; a pattern, cut by the faculty and modeled after tradition and the growing demands of the twentieth century.

In one corner of this section, we distinguish influences of various school activities. A gold thread denotes Optima; an outline of a cross, morning chapel services. Members of Prep Players, Lend-A-Hand, and Social League have developed designs of their membership in these organizations which have made indelible imprints on their lives.

In another corner, the warp and woof are more loosely knit. A tighter weave has been tried out, abandoned, begun again and gradually made to resemble the grain of the rest of the section. This maze of gayly colored threads speaks for itself. It represents the underclassmen and is symbolic of the rapid change from the first to the fourth form.

We cannot help but feast our eyes on a mass of colorful threads ranging from pure white to vivid reds—threads of athletic activities; reds of courage and victory and white of occasional defeat, all woven into the shapes of hockey sticks and point cups. How great is this part of our life which has taught us to love good-sportsmanship, teamwork, and competition!

The tapestry, with all its color, its growing pattern and design, represents one small portion of our life; small but meaningful and comprised of memories and knowledge which have been given us by parents, friends and the many fields of activity as Mt. Vernon.

And so, this section of the tapestry of life completed, we can only look ahead knowing that the section which follows, though longer and perhaps more difficult, will be more easily woven from the experience that we have already had.



Mrs. Bruce Silcox

We, the class of 1956, wish to express our gratitude for all the understanding and guidance you have given us, Mrs. Silcox. The endless hours of patient assistance that you have devoted to our class projects and to each of us individually have not gone unnoticed. Your quiet presence has been a constant source of strength and your wise suggestions have helped us when we needed help most. From each member of the Senior Class come love and good wishes in appreciation for your unfailing kindness throughout the past three years.

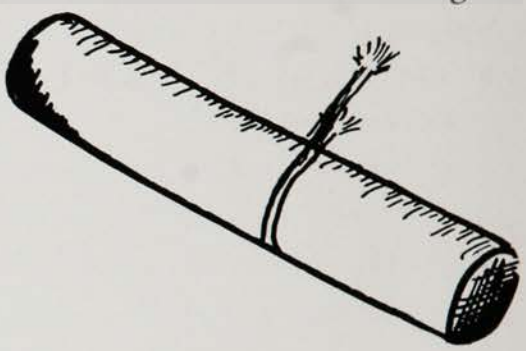
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Throughout the years they shape, with careful precision, the patterns of our lives and secure them firmly to the tapestry.

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These four years have been like a tapestry with all of our experiences woven into it.

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Gay, carefree, with the laughter of ingenious youth, they supply a jumble of brightly hued threads for our tapestry.

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In these intricate designs we seem to hear voices raised in song or soliloquy and see the gifted writer at work.

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These are durable threads, equal to any test; the spirit and sportsmanship that strengthens them will never weaken.

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"Yet through all, we know this tangled skein is in the hands of One who sees the end from the beginning; he shall yet unravel all."

SMITH

Faculty

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Mr. James Caudle *Sculpture*
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Mrs. Elsie Kunis *Switchboard Operator*
Mrs. Alma Gibson *Switchboard Operator*



First row, left to right: Mlle Bounous, Mrs. Lowry, Señorita Carroll, Miss Lester, Mrs. Lloyd. *Second row, left to right:* Mrs. Silcox, Mrs. Heflin, Mrs. Huddleston, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Maurer, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Van Kirk, Miss Fulton, Miss Yennie, Mrs. Strock, Mrs. Bierce, Mrs. Faxon, Miss Spence. *Absent:* Mr. Caudle, Miss Gilmore, Miss Gutheim, Mrs. Jenney, Mrs. Lampert, Mr. Laufman. Mrs. Orwen, Mrs. Rosen.

Faculty

"Thank you." Such a well worn phrase is, perhaps, the only way we know today to express our deep gratitude to all of you who have so influenced the patterns of our lives. But—what of tomorrow? Certainly the many classroom hours will not be forgotten a few years after graduation. Your classes will long be remembered, but most of all, we could never forget the knowledge, the ideals and the good sportsmanship which we have gained from your guidance.

During these most impressionable years of our lives, you have helped to mold our ideals and broaden our horizons.

For tolerating our fads and fancies, laboriously correcting our many misspelled papers, coping with our numerous problems and miraculously managing to instill in us some knowledge, again we "thank you." That simple phrase must suffice for now, but we hope that in later years, you will recognize your handiwork in us and know that by all our good actions we are again saying "thank you" in our own way.


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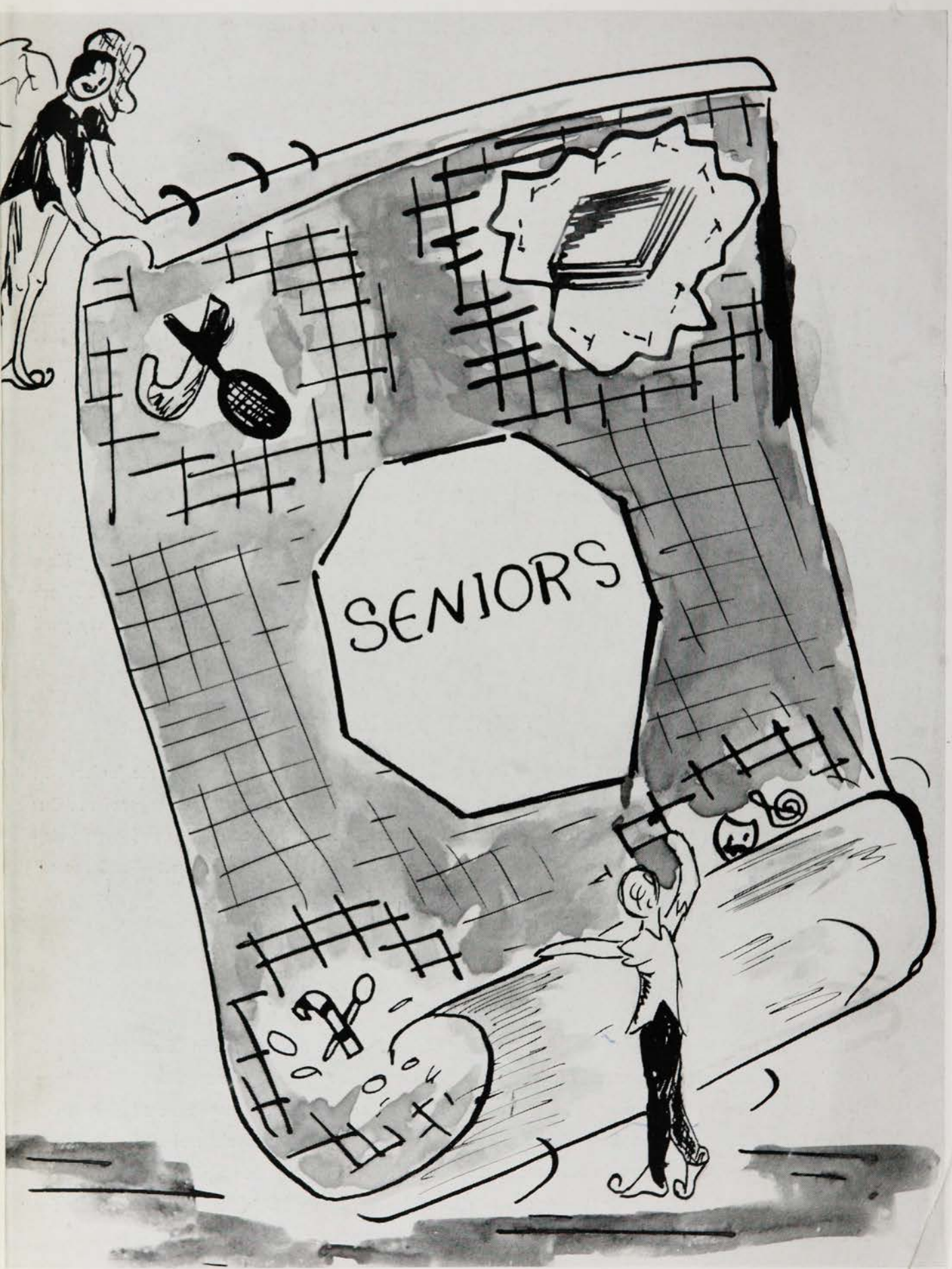
Opposite page. Top: Miss Gutheim and her American history class. *Bottom:* Chemistry lab with Miss Fulton and Joyce Andrews. *Above,* Home Economics with Lowry Smathers, Mrs. Silcox, and Jo Lingo.

Curriculum

Mount Vernon Seminary provides an opportunity for a student to pursue either a college preparatory or general course. Since the classes are small, we are able to have interesting discussions or even debates at times and the teachers are able to give individual instruction when the situation calls for it. Small classes are especially advantageous in laboratory courses such as chemistry and foods because delay and confusion can be avoided. We are extremely lucky to be equiped with up-to-date apparatus and modern utensils.

Through the art and music appreciation courses, students have an opportunity to develop interest in the arts. Individual instruction is offered in voice, piano, sculpturing, and painting.

Field trips add to the enjoyment of any study, and they play a large part in many subjects. In the winter the International Relations and U.S. History classes go to New York primarily to visit the United Nations, but the excursion also includes Radio City, a Broadway play, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Language classes often visit embassies, see foreign films, and visit restaurants serving foreign foods. The science classes make at least one trip to the famous Smithsonian Institution. It can truly be said that a comprehensive educational program is offered at Mount Vernon.



"Trust to God to weave your thread into the great web, though the pattern shows it not yet."

MACDONALD













First row: Ann Carter, Prish Pierce, Mindy Rice; Sports Club. *Second row:* top, Halloween Dance; below, Founder's Day; Katherine LeVan, Linda Hall, Sandra Anderson, Señorita. *Bottom row:* Barbara Honaker, Hilda Hutchins, Judy Peirsol, Miss Gilmore, Susan Mulford.



First row: Mindy Rice, Lottie Lanier, Ann Burroughs, Sue Mulford, Betty Hohlt; Santa, Jane Smith; Cheerleaders. *Second row:* Page Jennings, Miss Fulton, Miss Yennie and Sambo. *Third row:* Spectators; Judy OudsHoff, Sandra Anderson, Nita Morgan, Miss Ames and Mrs. Lloyd. *Fourth row:* Colette Curtenius, Linda Hall, Claudette Whitfield, Beverly Knode; Rec Room House meeting, Sue Mulford, Nita Morgan, Jo Lingo.



White Team; Optima, Secretary, Treasurer, III, IV; Class President, IV; Class Vice-President, III; Cheerleader, Captain, IV; House Council, III; Glee Club, II; Prep Players, III, IV.

Carol Hughes

PAMPA, TEXAS

Three years

"She praises God in her Beauty and Grace."
DE LA MARE

Only with a smile and lovely thoughts can we think of Carol. Because of her sincerity, thoughtfulness and inner charm, we know her to be a vision of loveliness. Her beautiful features and sparkling eyes seem to be illuminated by her soul which we can only imagine as pure and deep.

Having actively and enthusiastically participated in a wealth of school functions, she has proven to be both talented and successful, capably handling numerous offices and responsibilities at Mount Vernon. Without Carol, there would surely have been no Senior Record Hop. What a success it was too!

The class of '56 feels both proud and indebted to her, and we thank her from the bottom of our hearts for being such a wonderful president and for devoting so much of her time and energy to our welfare.

Essie Mizell Stripling

MIDLAND, TEXAS

Three and one half years

"I shall light a candle of understanding in thine heart, which shall not be put out." APOCRYPHA

Nobody can take five subjects, make honor grades, hold the position of Student Body President, and still find time to blow up the chemistry lab or found an M.V.S. bridge club. That is—nobody but Essie. Ready for a good laugh? Just call on "Es". Not only will she tell you a hilarious story, but her wild gestures and Texas accent will keep you in stitches. Of course, there is a serious side and she will readily listen to anyone's problems at any time of day. Essie's outstanding leadership has made her a central figure on the M.V.S. campus. Through her time, interest, and understanding, she has given much not only to her school but to each of her classmates. She has done a great job as head of the Student Body this year, and will certainly be missed.



White Team; Optima, III, IV; Student Body President, IV; Cheerleader, IV; CELLOPHANE, Editor, III; House Council, II; Prep Players, I, II.

Sandra Jane Anderson

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Four years

"It is far off and rather like a dream." SHAKESPEARE

Sandy, a student at Mt. Vernon for four years, is famous for her attractive posters which are often seen in the halls. Yet she still has found time to successfully carry on her school activities. For the first time Mt. Vernon has a Day Student Representative, and there is no one more capable of setting an excellent precedent for this office than Sandy.

Tall and slender, she has poise on the stage, plays the piano well, and has produced many prize-winning oil paintings.

Sandy's warmth has extended to everyone she has met. Her friendliness and willingness to help others are her most outstanding characteristics and are quite contagious.

If you see a student wandering through the hall with her head in the clouds and a euphoric expression on her face, you can be sure it is Sandy.



Yellow Team; Sports Club, III; CELLOPHANE, IV; Prep Players, I; CUPOLA, Art Editor, IV; Chairman of Day Students, IV; Glee Club, II; Class President (First semester), I, Vice-President (Second semester), I, II; Library Council, IV; Chapel Guild, IV.



Yellow Team; Class Treasurer, IV; Hockey, IV; Basketball, IV; Sports Club, III, IV; CUPOLA, IV; Glee Club, III.

Julia Peck Andreae

PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

Two years

"On Morning Wings how active springs the mind that leaves the load of yesterday behind." POPE

Sweet and innocent! These two words seem to describe Julie at first glance. But watch out! She's full of fire and mischief that burst out and affect everyone around her. As treasurer of the Senior Class she has managed miraculously to keep us out of debt this year. Famous for her incessant routine of dieting and splurging, Julie somehow manages to hold onto that good figure. She is one of Michigan's staunchest rooters, and as far as she is concerned, there is no place like good old Port Huron. Because these past two years have been made more enjoyable by her presence, we thank Julie for just being herself.

Joyce Allyn Andrews

BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Two years

"Do good in a quiet way". ENGLISH

Who could that be entering the day student locker room, carefully balancing books in one hand and a cookie sheet in the other? Why it's Joyce, of course. She's been busy in the foods lab again. Her interest in this area extends from the simple preparation of pastries to the actual chemistry of foods. After a hard day of classes, Joyce's evident need for sleep is always expressed, "I'm so tired, let's go home." After a refreshing siesta, she is bleary-eyed no longer, but refreshed and ready to return to work on Prep Players, Library Council or Lend-A-Hand. Joyce's quiet, unassuming manner, her cheerful smile and ever ready word of encouragement are the reasons for her being the sincerest and truest of friends.



Yellow Team; Sports Club, III; Library Council, IV; Prep Players, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.



Yellow Team; Hockey Varsity, III, IV; CUPOLA, IV; Prep Players, III.

Katharine Adams Bonfoey

STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

Two years

"The truly generous is the truly wise."

If you want to know the date of any historical event, just ask Kam. She has the remarkable ability to remember all historical details. However, her memory is not restricted just to this field. Even though she is only in second year Spanish, she is amazingly agile with the language.

On the athletic side, Kam participates in the school varsities, rides horseback very well, and adores baseball. She is also very proficient in tennis.

Her pierced ears adorned with some family heirloom, her naturally curly hair, and her excellent posture are all Kam's hallmarks. She has the distinction of owning the only uniform which has survived chemistry class, and having a beautiful wardrobe ranging from Ceil Chapman's creations to I. Miller shoes.

Kam, wait! You forgot your gum!



White Team; Hockey, III; Basketball, III; CUPOLA, IV; Glee Club, II, III; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Ann Stuart Burroughs

FLINT, MICHIGAN

Three years

"Though pleased to see the dolphins play, I mind my compass and my way." GREEN

Ann, our sailor from Michigan is one of Mount Vernon's three year girls. We consider ourselves lucky to have had in our midst the National Junior Champion of the Y-flyer class. Quiet shyness is only the exterior of Ann's sincerity and amiability. Of course this quiet shyness doesn't necessarily hold true when she's surrounded by a group of laughing, chattering girls. Burroughs, as she is affectionately called, is a cheering member of the white team and an enthusiastic Mount Vernon supporter. Never appearing to be in a hurry, Ann just sits back and relaxes, letting things happen as they will. This characteristic is what makes her so patient with work and friends. Blonde hair and blue eyes help to make Ann a pretty girl.

Alice Carter

REPTON, ALABAMA

One year

"Looks the whole world in the face". LONGFELLOW

Vivacity and enthusiasm personified—who but our I'l Southern Sweetheart, Alice Carter? Alice is always busy, studying hard for those top notch grades, working in Prep Players, or just being friendly to everybody. As a new senior, she has taken a great interest in the school and with endless enthusiasm has been a lively cheerleader for the Yellow Team. Whether playing for chapel, attending classes, or participating in sports, we continually find Alice with a cheerful, sunny disposition. By being just natural, she has acquired a wealth of friends and contributed spirit to our class. With these attributes we think Alice is off to a good start in life.



Yellow Team; Basketball, IV; Cheerleader, Captain, IV; House Council, IV; Chapel Guild, IV; Prep Players, Secretary-Treasurer, IV; Lend-A-Hand, Secretary, IV.



Yellow Team; Optima, IV; Basketball, III, IV; Tennis, III; Sports Club, III, IV; A.A. Representative, IV; Glee Club, III.

Ann Carter

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

One and one half years

"I have a heart with room for every joy."
BAILEY-FESTUS

Athletic ability and intelligence go hand in hand to make Ann one of the outstanding girls in the Senior Class. A whiz at basketball and tennis, she has been a great addition to the Yellow Team. Ann's name always appears on the honor roll and early in her senior year, she earned one of Mt. Vernon's coveted honors, by becoming a member of Optima. A girl bursting with ambition, Ann has her eye on a career future. With her interest and talent in art, a career of painting in Paris or fashion designing seems to be in store for her. You can be sure that through her perseverance and determination, she will achieve success. California should be proud of this citizen.

Beverly Ann Carter

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Three years

"The charm, the grace, that time makes strong."
DOBSON

A noise in the hall . . . soon Cart nonchalantly enters the library, munching her apple, playing her violin and scouting for a bridge fourth. No one is quite so successful as she in driving away gloom; she is absolutely mirth-provoking with her ridiculous antics. Having a sense of humor and a sunny disposition, she may seem to some people only to be concerned with having a good time. Bev, however, has a good mind and is capable of doing most anything, whether it be acing a Spanish test or making a hockey goal. We thank Bev for many happy times and hope her philosophy will always remain, "Laugh today and worry about it tomorrow."



Yellow Team; Class Treasurer, III; Social League, IV; Baseball, III; Hockey, III, IV; Basketball, III, IV; Cheerleader, II; CELLOPHANE, III; CUPOLA, IV.

Nancy Cassedy

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Four years

"How far that little candle throws its beam."
SHAKESPEARE

"Bird", our petite yet potent package of vitality is known for her impish giggle and shaggy dog stories. Laughingly we tease her; laughingly she takes it. Full of jests and jibes, this little comedienne has only to enter the day student locker room on a dreary Monday morning and long faces and short tempers disappear. Being a constant source of entertainment for her classmates and possessing a sense of responsibility, Nancy was unanimously elected Social League President. Through the efforts of Madame President and her staff, school dances this year with their good music, clever decorations, and blind dates, have provided us with many fond memories. By fulfilling this by-no-means-easy job with an exceptional efficiency, we predict no failures in whatever she undertakes next year.



White Team; Social League, II, President, IV; Hockey, III, IV; Basketball, III; Cheerleader, I, II, III, IV; CELLOPHANE, III; CUPOLA, IV; Class Secretary-Treasurer, I; Glee Club, II, III; Prep Players, I.



White Team; Optima, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV; House Council, III, IV; Prep Players, Secretary-Treasurer, III; Basketball, III, IV; Softball, III; CUPOLA, Business Manager, IV.

Jean Rachel Crawford

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Two years

"Where there is much light, the shadow is deep."
GOETHE

Jean, our belle from Savannah, will always be remembered for her soft drawl, Southern charm, and refined tastes for the good things of life. She is a paragon of sympathy and kindness, vivacity mingling with seriousness and conscientiousness. She leaves nothing undone and is modest about her enviable brain power. A regular name on the Honor Roll, Jean was made a member of Optima in December. Not one to waste time, she makes a habit of doing her best work in the least amount of time possible. She constructively uses her spare time to keep CUPOLA out of the red and the White Team victorious in all basketball games. Efficient, intelligent, outstanding in all she does, her deeds are unsurpassed.

Colette Curtenius

KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

Two years

"She comes with gusts of laughter,
The music as of rills;
With tenderness and sweetness,
The wisdom of the hills." CARMAN

When a sudden peal of laughter or an affectionate comment on Princeton meets our ears, we all know from whence they come. No one is ever surprised to find the spirited Coco dancing across campus, engrossed in a dramatic scene in Prep Players, holding her own in intellectual conversations or playing Beethoven on the piano. Perhaps this diversity of ability can be attributed to her continental background. As for goals, she has aspired to some of the highest. None of us would be surprised to someday hear that this '56 House President has had great success through her artistic talents, especially with her school of ballet and music.



Yellow Team; House President, IV; Class President, III; Class Secretary, II; CELLOPHANE, III, IV, Business Manager; Cheerleader, IV; Glee Club, II; Chapel Guild, II, III, IV; Prep Players, III, IV.



Yellow Team; Optima, IV; Chapel Guild, President, IV; Cheerleader, IV; Tennis, III; Glee Club, III; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Darlene Rae Dodge

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Two years

"She has a voice of gladness and a smile of eloquence and beauty." BRYANT

"Five foot two, eyes of . . . Well, in this case they're a soft brown. And, oh, what those "five feet" can do. Swimming, waterskiing, diving and sleeping are cherished pastimes. Although a bit shy and retiring, Darlene has a subtle wit, loves to laugh and enjoys any joke, even on herself. Besides sports she appreciates and enjoys music and the arts. Her beauty is as natural and gentle as her smile, and she loves nothing better than to help people with their problems. With a genuine understanding and a deep religious reverence, Dar has made an excellent president of the Chapel Guild. What more could you ask for? Talent, charm, ability, leadership-all these are a part of the personality that is Darlene.



White Team; Glee Club, III, Treasurer, IV; Chapel Guild, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Margaret Frances Gants

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Two years

"When mischief lurks in gay disguise." RAY

On Halloween who put the bubble bath in the fountain at the entrance to Walter Reed Hospital? Vivacious and funloving, Margaret attracts people wherever she goes and in her two years at M.V.S. she has certainly won her share of friends. She has been a blessing to boarders by getting them dates and transportation as well as inviting them for frequent weekends at her home. Margaret is also the good cook who brought her delicious food to school for those riotous picnics.

Dressed in her bright red leotard, Margaret is an "outstanding" member of the Modern Dance class, especially when she is making up some new routine. Although she seems quiet and shy to many of us, her character is one of rare quality. How lonely Mount Vernon will be next year without her warm and friendly presence.

Mary Chaffin Gill

BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Two years

"Silence is the perfectest herald of joy."
SHAKESPEARE

The first one here in the morning and the first one to open the books is Mary Gill. Quietness characterizes her class actions. The power to listen well and retain keeps her grades above average. Mysteriously enough Mary retains the same caliber of grades in Gym, and in spring and fall she can always be found on the tennis courts. Her original culinary efforts continue to amaze us and no doubt some day she will publish the Mary Gill Cookbook which will include such recipes as her famous one for purple icing.. She has a mischievous twinkle in her eye that suggests fun to all of us. If you are having a dull evening, just call Mary and she is sure to come up with some new exciting thing to do for entertainment. You can never tell what is going to happen next when she gets started.



White Team; Sports Club, III; Library Council, IV; Prep Players, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.



White Team; Prep Players, IV.

Joan Marie Griffen

RYE, NEW YORK

One year

"Kindness is nobler even than revenge."
SHAKESPEARE

"Looking for Joanie?" . . . "Try the Rec' Room" . . . "She's quite the bridge fan you know." "On second thought, look in the gym . . . she might be working with Prep Players." In addition to her bridge and dramatic interests, Joan has a great yen for traveling and hopes, someday, to visit all of our foreign neighbors. She holds many memories of Bermuda, one of her favorite resorts, and plans a return trip by way of the *Ocean Monarch*. Definite plans for her future are uncertain, but, being the roving kind, we think that eventually, she will have circumnavigated the globe.

A welcome new member to the class of '56, Joan has proven herself thoughtful and considerate throughout the year.

Gayle Gwen Grimes

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Two years

"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart."
HOMER

This lively spark is a glow from the top of her naturally curly hair to the third finger of her left hand. Two years at Mt. Vernon have proved her interests to be as varied as her moods. Her interests include, among other things, modern dance, Glee Club and English. A red leotard is part of her uniform; and her rhythmic walk is evidence of her dancing ability. Her happy disposition enabled her to survive all the extra Glee Club practices and her diplomacy made the club glad she was president. In English, her themes indicate literary ability. And, Gayle is not only a good student but seems to thrive on a heavy schedule. Judging from her past achievements, we are assured of her success in the future.



Yellow Team; Glee Club, III, President, IV; Chapel Guild IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Katharine Mary Beatrice Hadow

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
ENGLAND

One year

"He was my friend, faithful and just to me."
SHAKESPEARE

Kate came from England this year and immediately fitted herself into Mount Vernon. She seemed to have no qualms as she entered a school and a country strange and new to her. Before long Kate had made a place for herself in the class and had been elected to several school offices, most important of all becoming business manager of Carousel.

Her typically English poise and fascinating accent have added both humor and enjoyment to our class. Cute and vivacious although restrained, she is often seen walking through the halls with a prayerbook for chapel or a broken test tube and a dime for Miss Fulton. Mount Vernon will surely miss this English lass.



Yellow Team; Chapel Guild, IV; CAROUSEL, Business Manager, IV; Glee Club, IV.



Yellow Team; Class Secretary, IV; Hockey, III, IV; CELLOPHANE, III; CUPOLA, Literary Editor, IV; Prep Players, III; Social League, III. CAROUSEL Co-Editor, IV.

Linda Hollis Hall

FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

Two years

"Cheerfulness is an offshoot of goodness and wisdom." BOVEE

"Please hand in your write-ups!" You might say that this is one of Linda's most frequent remarks as literary editor of our yearbook. Walking into a classroom with clipboard in hand, Linda, you can be sure, is on the trail of an article for CUPOLA. Because of her creative ability, Linda is always in demand, but CUPOLA has claimed most of her time.

She can recall many happy hours of her leisure time on the Severn River and longer vacations on the North Carolina coast—with or without hurricanes.

Pert, vivacious, and cheerful, Linda makes up for her size by her actions, both serious and fun-loving. When she goes off to college and onto a dental career, we can be sure that Mount Vernon won't be the only school to miss her. There's always the Academy, eh, Linda?

Sara Morrison Harris

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Four years

"The sweet expression of that face, forever changing, yet the same." BROWNING

The field house is rocking with the voices of the hillbilly singers from Somers, there is no doubt as to who is leading the group. It is the unmistakable Sara Harris. Sara's presence never goes unnoticed. In the refectory, she is the lunch room chatter box; at the mail table, she is the first in line; and on the dance floor, she is surrounded by masculine admirers. The latter could not be otherwise for not only is she friendly, gay, talkative and charming but she is also the epitome of smart style in clothes. Resembling a page from *Vogue* with enviable complexion, radiant hair, polished fingertips and slender silhouette, how could anyone resist her?



White Team; Basketball, IV; Cheerleader, II, IV; CUPOLA, IV; Glee Club, I, II, III; Lend-A-Hand, IV.



White Team, Captain Second semester, IV; Lend-A-Hand, Treasurer, IV; Cheerleader, IV; CUPOLA, IV.

Elizabeth Caroline Hohlt

HOUSTON, TEXAS

One year

"A true friend is forever a friend." MACDONALD

Whether she has a banana in her ear or a crown on her head, Betty is the life of every party and a friend to all. Her "eyes of Texas" shine upon you with a sparkle of enthusiasm. Even though this was her first year at Mount Vernon, she became secretary of Lend-A-Hand, a peppy cheerleader, and White Team Captain during the last semester. Certainly she is to be congratulated for holding these offices with such competence as well as for her other virtues, for in all we do, in all we say, she is behind us, making all those around her happy. Her allegiance is pledged to the Lone Star State, but her heart is forever with her friends.



White Team; Sports Club, III, IV; House Council IV; Prep Players, III.

Barbara Edwards Honaker

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Two years

"Her air, her manners, all who saw admired; courteous, though coy, and gentle, though retired." CRABBE

Barbara, our girl from West Virginia, is loved by all who know her, and she leaves cheer and a generous feeling wherever she goes. Barbara is admired most of all for her amazing ability to look neat at all times. She not only dresses to perfection, but her winning manner, happy smile and charm set Barbara apart as a special girl. She is also a student, one whom Mount Vernon can be proud of. A steady worker and an enthusiastic Sports Club member, Barbara is always ready to lend a helping hand. Anyone with worries or blues can depend on her for help and friendly advice. As she leaves, Mount Vernon wishes her all the luck and happiness possible in years to come.

Hilda Hutchins

BANGOR, MAINE

Two years

"Individuality is everywhere to be spared and respected as the root of everything good." RICHTER

Who remains calm and collected midst turmoil and crisis? Who is it that just knows her blind date will be a drip, and then has the best time of all at the dance? Who is the person that at first seems a little shy, but whose personality displays a kindness and quality of character seldom found? A true and steady friend through all, the best proctor on the hall, Hilda is the girl with whom we associate the Maine Maritime Academy; red, white, and blue railroad cars; a slight disturbance in the library; and many other incidents too numerous to mention.

Wherever Hilda goes, better known as "Hil" or "Hutch", people will love her as we do. The class of '56 would be incomplete without our New England representative.



White Team; House Council, III, IV; Glee Club, III, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.



White Team; Sports Club, II, III, IV; House Council, III; Glee Club, III; Lend-A-Hand, II, IV.

Barbara Gregg Ingalls

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Three years

"Fond of fun as fond can be." SAYERS

In 1954 there was a sophomore around here with great big blue eyes and a brown dress. This is 1956 and she is still here and still has that brown dress. This is Butterbean, of course, who else but? If there is a good jitterbug record on the victrola, she will be dancing. If there is a group of people talking, she'll be the center. If there is a cloud of smoke, she's in the middle of it. And if you ever see a beautiful yacht (small ship), she's on it. Funloving hardly describes shining Butterbean, the Birmingham kid. Full of mischief, the lights bell is only a starter for this one, and we certainly know the girls in the first room on the left downstairs will miss her next year. They won't be the only ones.

Page Ellyson Jennings

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

One year

"A rider unequaled, a sportsman complete." WHYTE

Who's the girl we often find sitting on her bed, writing that daily letter? Why, it's Penny, of course! A quiet girl, she is about as unpredictable as the Washington weather and her hair-do changes as often. A lover of horses, she never fails to get her daily ride. Apparently, this pastime doesn't afford her enough exercise, for, after meals, Penny energetically and religiously exercises to music. Also a lover of hillbilly music, she shakes the very foundations of Somers when she plays her favorite record, *I Forgot to Remember to Forget*. As one of our new girls this year, any boarder would tell you that she has been an invaluable contributor to the happy atmosphere of Somers' "senior hall."



Yellow Team; Sports Club, IV.

Elizabeth Campbell Jones

KENWOOD, MARYLAND

Four years

"Happy am I, from care I am free!
Why aren't they all contented like me?" ANONYMOUS

Lee, our Yankee import from Marblehead, Massachusetts, wasn't reluctant to adopt the phrase, "you all." It is with this that she begins her scintillating and astonishing yarns. She is often a lavish hostess, entertaining Bermuda-clad seniors at her Kenwood home. At school, her "duck" walk and her inexhaustable flow of conversation are her trade marks. Consequently, she was thrice elected a yellow team cheerleader. Her cheerleading antics can also be seen after tests; she has yet to complete one without shouting," Well, I goofed on that one." Known for her pet remarks, Lee seems always to be "flustered," "panicked." or "stuck" on her "trig." But, because of her delightfully carefree nature, she always seems to survive the worst.



Yellow Team; Cheerleader, I, II, IV; Sports Club, I, II; CELLOPHANE, III; Glee Club, I; CUPOLA, IV.



White Team; Hockey, IV; Cheerleader, I; A.A. Representative, I; Sports Club, II; CUPOLA, IV; Glee Club, I, III; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Beverly Anne Knode

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Four years

"Eyes too expressive to be blue, too lovely to be grey." ARNOLD

Big brown eyes, deep set dimples, a flow of conversation and inimitable gesticulations, are as much a part of this curly headed girl as the cry, "Wait, for me, gang!" when she speeds into chapel at the last bell. One of the first to acquire a driver's license, Bev has earned the title of "James, the chauffeur." Her "Knodemobile" has often carried a load of seniors to Annapolis, the Hot Shoppe, or one of her famous slumber parties. A wonder to behold is her ability to be a conscientious student, an ardent hockey player, and carry out the busiest of social schedules. We pity her writing arm if she should ever try to keep a diary of all her good times and all her jobs well done.

Lottie Lamar Lanier

SHORT HILLS, NEW JERSEY

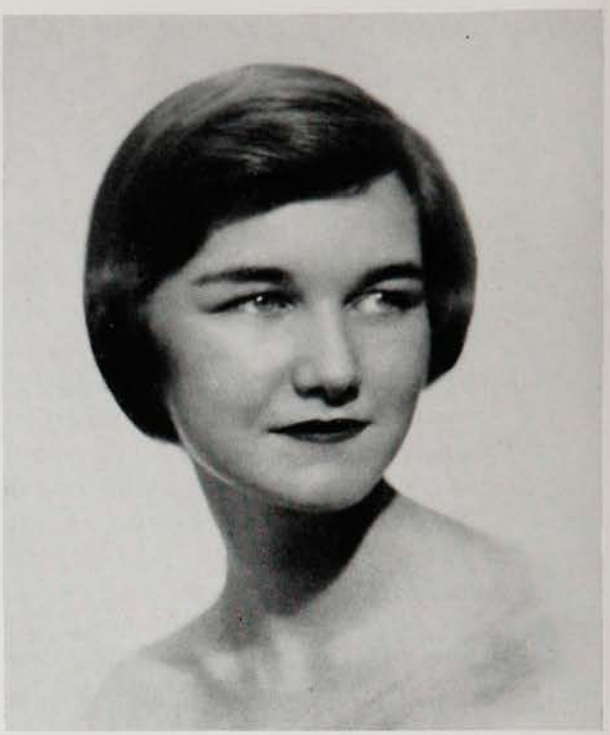
Three years

"This world belongs to the energetic." EMERSON

When a vivacious, enthusiastic girl explodes into a room, it could only be Lottie! Otto is always in the spotlight captivating the audiences of both boys and girls, entertaining them with a sense of humor quite her own. No one is like Lottie, she is an individualist all right, with a genuine zest for living and a piece of joy to give everyone.

As president of the Athletic Association, Lottie has done a superb job of leading the school in sports. She has instilled spirit into each of us and led M.V.S. into glorious victory. As a star varsity participant in all four sports, Lottie has shown unparalleled skill and sportsmanship.

Warm hearted, fun loving, develish-yet-sweet, Lottie will never be forgotten as an outstanding member of our school.



White Team; Hockey, II, III, IV; Basketball, II, III, IV; Tennis, II, III; Baseball, II, III; A.A. Representative, II, III, President, IV; CELLOPHANE, Sports Editor, III; Prep Players, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.



White Team; Basketball, III, IV; Softball, III; Sports Club, III, IV; CUPOLA, IV; Glee Club, III; Lend-A-Hand, IV; CAROUSEL, Editor, IV.

Katharine Wilma LeVan

TITUSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Two years

"The magic of a face." CAREW

Gay and friendly Kitten, who will probably lead the first expedition to the moon, is a favorite of M. V. S. If she isn't delving into the mysteries of outer space, you might find her sampling a double dip cone at the Field House or on the basketball court helping the WHITES on to victory. Artistically inclined, she's responsible for many of the clever, brightly colored posters in the halls. Also, Kit has spent many hours busy with pen and paper, effortlessly jotting down themes and stories rich in description and original in style. This year she has made use of this literary ability as editor of the Carousel. Always full of enthusiasm and with a dash of devilment in her eye, Kitten adds spice to life wherever she goes.



White Team; Sports Club, IV; Chapel Guild, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV; Prep Players, IV.

Lera Josephine Lingo

HOUSTON, TEXAS

One year

"The heavens speed thee in thine enterprise."
SHAKESPEARE

It would be impossible to describe Jo adequately enough to do her justice in a short paragraph. She has a pronounced individuality, neither selfish nor egotistical but just unusual. Who but Jo could tell the stale "banana" joke and still get a laugh? Who else could find it amusing that she's bought fifteen dollars worth of faded material? She is a permanent figure at the Field House and on the tennis courts. When we see Jo with a coke in one hand and a sucker in the other, we marvel at how her figure survives such abuse. Equally mysterious is the secret of her forehand shots which, in their fury, scorch the fuzz on new tennis balls. We thank Houston for this girl with the Texas-sized heart with a place for everyone in it.

Margaret Kemp Maddock

PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Two years

"Mind cannot follow it nor words express her infinite sweetness." DANTE

"Oh, to be down in Florida beneath the hot sun." These are Peggy's favorite words. When she cannot be in Florida, she can be found propped up in bed, tootsie pop in mouth, record player turned up high, and reminiscing about Brown University. Even though Brown is located in the North, we can be sure that Peggy is a true Southerner by the way she complains about the amount of cold air that her roommate insists on having in their room during the winter.

Having a wonderful opportunity for outdoor sports in her home state, Peggy is quite the tennis and hockey player. She attributes her boundless energy to daily trips to the fieldhouse. A true sport, she knows how to take both a win and a defeat. To us, she'll always be a winner.



White Team; Hockey Varsity, III, IV; Glee Club, III; Prep Players, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.



Yellow Team; Optima, III, President, IV; Hockey, I, III, IV; Basketball, III (Manager), IV; CUPOLA, IV; Glee Club, I, II; Sports Club, III; Class President, I (Second semester), Vice-President, (First semester).

Kate Rose McDonald

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Four years

"Act well your part, there all the honor lies." POPE

Gloves, hat, purse, everything neatly in place, and anywhere Katie is planning to go in her immaculate ensemble, she will lend a touch of gaiety and enthusiasm. Not only does she possess a quick wit and agile tongue but she has the ability to make use of them as is shown by Kate's four successful years at Mount Vernon. She has entered into many school activities including Glee Club, Sports Club, Cupola, and athletics. We all marvel at Kate's ability to perform her duties as President of Optima, fulfill a busy social schedule and still collect more "A" papers in a month than her classmates in a semester. A reliable dategetter, Kate knows almost all of the young men in the District. Oh, woe to the blind-date list when she leaves.

Nita Donehoo Morgan

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

One year

"Gentle in speech, beneficent in mind." HOMER

Who is the girl with all the attractive glasses? Why that's our gal from Savannah. They certainly grow them pretty in the South and Nita is no exception to this rule. A complete wardrobe of lovely cashmere skirts and sweaters, in matching colors, of course, is Nita's trademark. Usually loaded down with needles and yarn, she is constantly busy knitting argyle socks. Another of her talents is piano playing, and she has generously given her time this year to playing for chapel. Being a new addition to the class didn't bother Nita in the least as she promptly set about making new friends and creating for herself a place in Mount Vernon activities. She leaves behind a pleasant memory.



Yellow Team; CUPOLA, IV; Chapel Guild, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Susan Evelyn Mulford

GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN

Two years

"With a host of furious fancies . . . to the wilderness I wander." DE LA MARE

Sue, noted for her big dreamy eyes and casual sort of smile, can always be found after dinner in Somers' Rec. Room, or at the Field House, or running up and down the halls laughing and carrying on some devilment. Her vocabulary consists of two favorite words. One is "Annapolis" where Sue spends quite a bit of her time each month. The other is "airplane" which carries her home and to other parts unknown during M.V.S. vacations.

When asked where she's from, you can be sure she will start on a Michigan song; when asked where she'd like to be, there's nothing like good old Miami.

We certainly wish Sue the best of luck in the future.



White Team; Glee Club, III; CUPOLA, IV.



White Team; CELLOPHANE, III; Library Council, IV; Prep Players, II; Lend-A-Hand, II, III, IV; CUPOLA, Assistant Editor, III, Editor-in-Chief, IV.

Judith Lee OudsHoff

MELBOURNE, FLORIDA

Three years

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." ISAIAH, XXX, 15.

If a low voice says "Hello" or some one is constantly whispering "shhh" or stating "I know", you can be pretty sure it is our hardworking Editor, Judy. Another one of those girls from Florida, she is the only boarder at M.V.S. who gets two long distance telephone calls almost every weekend. Mature and quiet, poised and natural, Judy is not only a good student but she is an eager member of many activities. There is no one here who can lay claim to being so neat that she has a complete list of every item possessed, unless, of course, it is Judy. We are certainly proud of this year's CUPOLA, and that goes for the Editor, too; for without her, there would have been no yearbook, or at least nothing to compare with this finished product. Well, Jud, see you in Melbourne under a palm tree!

Judith Donaldson Peirsol

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORDIA

Two years

"In casual simplicity." EMILY DICKINSON

Flaming red hair, fits of laughter, weekly yens for cheese cake—this is Peirsol. Her shoes are definitely filled with Florida sand, for every chance she gets, Judy hops on an Eastern Airlines plane for the sunshine state. Her versatility is well-known throughout the school. Judy has been busy as the president of the Sports Club and also as the assistant literary editor of the Cupola. What is she found doing when she should be diligently studying? Listening to her immense record collection while entering some new snap shots in one of her three albums. Her subtle wit is always present, except when her red hair gets the best of her. Once you know Peirsol, it will take amnesia to forget her. And, you may never find another "Umbrella" like this one.



Yellow Team; Sports Club, President, IV; CUPOLA, Assistant Literary Editor, IV; Glee Club, III; Lend-A-Hand, IV.



White Team; Lend-A-Hand, President, IV; House Council, III; Class Secretary, III; Glee Club, III; Chapel Guild, IV.

Margaret Ann Pentland

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Two years

"Lovely, blooming, fresh and gay." O'KEEFE

Map, the enchanter. Doesn't she charm everyone she meets? With her graceful manners, lyrical speaking voice, and deep sincerity, she captivates us, and we're held almost spellbound. She sings magnificently and has shown her talent for leadership through her success in the role of chairman of Lend-A-Hand. Map can be so witty that we double up with laughter at her mobile expressions and trigger-quick lines, which are probably the most outstanding qualities of the "Funny Map." The Queen, certainly a most beautiful and gracious one, was crowned at the Valentine Dance. Weren't we proud? Mount Vernon will certainly miss its little bit of sunshine from Florida but we are sure Map will be a "queen" all her life, for everywhere she goes, peace and happiness seem to reign.



White Team; Basketball, III; Sports Club, III, IV; CUPOLA, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Sandra Saxon Ramage

OIL CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Two years

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land." CARNEY

"Wink" is the affectionate nickname we've given to this tiny senior and we can truly say that she is "quick as a wink!" The introduction of bop at Mount Vernon can be traced to Wink who can do most any dance, from ballet to jitterbug.

Even though she often complains about being small, it must be fun to wear heels on any date and look as petite as she does. She's as conscientious about her school work as she is about play and should also be commended for her achievements in cooking class! Wink is obsessed with only one weakness, which has resulted in her second nickname, "our blond bombshell."

We'll miss your sparkling eyes and bright smile, but wherever you go, you'll take these with you, too, and thus win everybody's heart.

Susan Theresa Rees

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Two years

"Love sought is good, but given unsought is better." SHAKESPEARE

To attain a cherished philosophy—"that a person is who he is because of the kind of education he possesses,"—Susie has worked hard and enjoyed it. After two years of carrying five majors, she completed her stay at M.V.S. as an Optima member and photography editor of the Cupola. In addition to diligent application to studying, she has gone far in the realm of friendship. Susie is also associated with little pink clouds (or are they navy and gold?) and is well known by misters Postman and Greyhound. Her life consists of mail and weekends, yet she is always alert on Monday mornings—always a job well done. What is your secret, Suz?



White Team; Optima, IV; Class Vice-President, IV; House Council, III; CUPOLA, Photography Editor, IV; Glee Club, III.



Yellow Team; Student Body Representative, III; House Council, II, III; Hockey, I, II, III, IV; Basketball, II, III, IV; Tennis, II, III; A.A. Secretary, II; Class Vice-President, I; CAROUSEL, Art Editor, IV; Glee Club, I, II, III; Secretary, IV; Baseball, II, III.

Mary Melinda Rice

NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS

Four years

"A cheerful friend is like a sunny day." LUBBLOCK

A glint in her eye, a sudden blush, and a cheery-hello, here comes Mindy. Whether proctoring in library study hall, using her artistic ability to announce coming events, or helping and working with varsity sports, *Carousel,* Glee Club and Bulletin Board Janitor—she has given freely of her time both to her friends and our school.

In a telephone census Mindy's name would rank high on the list. What accounts for all these calls? Mindy's friendliness, courtesy, and consideration for others give her a winning way. Her good posture and attractive clothes, neatness to the last blonde curl on her head, all add to Mindy's sparkle and spirit.

We thank Mindy for her returning and becoming such an enthusiastic member of our class after a year abroad. We wish her luck in whatever path she chooses to follow.

Margaret Ann Rucker

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

Two years

"Nothing endures but personal qualities." WHITMAN

One fall day, late in September of 1954, Peggy entered Mt. Vernon. Since then, days have been made a little brighter and more cheerful because of her good sense of humor. This year she was honored by being elected both cheerleader and a class Social League representative, and her school spirit and enthusiasm helped to cheer on the Yellows. A busy social life and a noisy good time are two things we shall never forget about Peggy. Of course, we shall never forget those daily phone calls either. Where will she be next year? Wherever it is, we know she will be having lots of fun.



Yellow Team; Cheerleader, IV; Baseball, III; Glee Club, III; Lend-A-Hand, IV; CUPOLA, IV.

Julie Salas

CARACAS, VENEZUELA

Three years

"Every man's life is a plan of God." BUSHNELL

Whenever the phone rings on upper Senior Hall in Somers, there follows, the inevitable cry, "Julie Salas, telephone." Julie is our lively girl from Venezuela who has the remarkable distinction of having skipped her junior year. For most girls, skipping from the sophomore year to the senior year would necessitate cutting out outside activities. This is not true in Julie's case, however. She has worked hard this year as Chairman of the Library Council and has contributed to the Prep Players through her active participation in their productions. How she finds time to do any work is still a mystery to her fellow-boarders because her room is constantly filled with girls wanting help with their Spanish homework. Hasta la vista, Julie, vaya con Dios.



Yellow Team; Library Council, I, II, President, IV; Prep Players, I, II, IV; Lend-A-Hand, I, Treasurer II; CELLOPHANE, II.



Yellow Team; Prep Players, I, Stage Manager, III, President, IV; CELLOPHANE, III; Library Council, III, IV; Chapel Guild, IV; Lend-A-Hand, III, IV.

Elda Armisen Santeiro

HABANA, CUBA

Three years

"Every man is the architect of his own character." BOARDMAN

Who could get up at 8:25, straighten the room, get dressed and be the last one over to breakfast? No one, of course, but Elda. If it is "trig" or Spanish you may need help with, or if you just want to talk, go to Elda. She is always willing to peer out from her magazine long enough to help you translate that impossible Spanish composition. Why can she help you on all this? She is from that enchanting Caribbean country called Cuba.

Because Elda's versatility in acting ranges from portrayal of a villainess to the role of a sweet innocent girl, we can easily see why she is Prep Players' able president.

We hope that she keeps her smile and cheerfulness always, because it is a marvelous asset.

Judith Teasdale Simpson

SAINT CHARLES, ILLINOIS

One year

"Nothing is rarer than real goodness." ROCHE

This energetic little sunbeam blew our way from the "Windy City" this year. As a new-comer, Judy's greatest contribution has been her friendliness and agreeable disposition. She goes about her studies with a smile and an eagerness and enthusiasm that most of us show only at parties. Always enjoying life to the fullest, this intelligent and humorous mite has acquired both a wealth of friends and a frequent place on the academic honor-roll. We have great hopes for Judy's success at the University of Colorado, where she'll major in French, for she has spirit and courage, and the mind to urge that courage on.



White Team; Optima, IV; Sports Club, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.



Yellow Team; CUPOLA, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV; Glee Club, III; Chapel Guild, IV.

Lowry Smathers

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Two years

"What can say more than this rich praise—that you alone are you." SHAKESPEARE

A turned up nose, green eyes, a dynamic personality . . . Lowry. All five feet ten of her can usually be heard laughing, talking, singing or arguing. Her easy-going manner is her foremost attribute. She has a quick wit, a glow that comes straight from the heart, and a lively manner that makes her welcome wherever she goes. Beneath her effervescence is a real desire to help and understand everyone. She has quite a combination of natural charm and beauty. She looks like an angel with the devil in her eyes and can be found either where there are noisy and happy people, in the middle of mischief, or in her room reading a best seller. She is a friend with a heart twice her size.



Yellow Team, Treasurer IV; CUPOLA IV; CELLOPHANE, III; Sports Club, II, III; Chapel Guild, IV; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Jane Sevier Smith

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Three years

"A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity to freshen into smiles." IRVING

For three years, big hearted Bigun has been making worthwhile contributions to Mount Vernon life. Always working behind the scenes, with hardly enough credit, Jane has proved herself an imaginative and reliable individual. What decoration committee, food committee, or "ideas" committee could get along without her? Bigun has been a staunch supporter of the Yellow Team, and as this year's treasurer has done a fine, efficient job. Whether jitterbugging, having a "hall talk", madly making plans for the next dance, or being dressed in her finest for an off campus event, Bigun is always in good spirits. She is the girl to whom one would tell her deepest secrets because Bigun is just the one we can all fully trust. Popular with everyone, she'll be most welcome wherever she goes.

Patricia Anne Stanton

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

Three and one half years

"One of those happy souls." SHELLEY

Who yells the loudest? Who laughs the hardest? Who is the gayest? You guessed it, Patsy, of course. At the games she is always overflowing with spirit and enthusiasm, cheering the White Team on to victory. In the rec room she can play most any tune on the piano, singing cheerfully along with a great crowd of admiring girls. As secretary-treasurer of the Student Council during the junior year Patsy showed that she can effectively handle a great amount of responsibility. When you are down and out Patsy is the first to give a helpful, reassuring hug—probably the very best hug in school. We just couldn't have done without Patsy these four years. Her sparkle will long live at Mt. Vernon.



White Team, Captain, First semester, IV; CUPOLA, IV; Student Body Representative, III; Class Vice-President, II; Glee Club, I, II, III.



Yellow Team; CUPOLA, Treasurer, III; Glee Club, I; Lend-A-Hand, IV.

Barbara E. Trunnell

BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Three years

"Ease with dignity." CICERO

The merry chaos surrounding all the many clubs, projects and rehearsals that are so much a part of Mount Vernon fail to ruffle Barbara in the least. Although she has participated in many of the school activities, her enviable poise has never failed her. Most of us would profit enormously were this calm, titian-haired gal's secret of self possession revealed. Barbara is really in her element in the foods lab with the chance to stir up the most tantalizing dishes. Those double recipes that produce fluffy cakes of mountainous size and monumental batches of cookies are her specialties. Could it be that some added incentive accounts for her genuine interest and accomplishments in the culinary department? Who knows what plans the future holds? Whatever it is we wish Barbara good luck and Godspeed.

Gayle von Plonski

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Three years

"Why all this toil and trouble" WORDSWORTH

Dashing through the halls and down the stairs with a pile of books balanced precariously under one hand, Gayle is undoubtedly headed towards the library. In addition to a busy schedule here at Mount Vernon, Gayle is also taking a course in German. Amazingly enough though, she still finds time for work on the Library Council and in the Glee Club. An outdoor enthusiast, Gayle can be seen in the spring and fall on the tennis courts returning the ball with a speed and form envied by all. Viewed with equal envy is the gorgeous tan she sports on returning from vacations spent on the family boat. Most outstanding in her personal appearance is that natural blonde hair. A bit quiet and reserved, Gayle doesn't hesitate to be pleasant to everyone. She too has won herself a place in the history of M.V.S.



Yellow Team; Library Council, III, IV; Glee Club, II, III, IV.

Helen Gatley Wheeler

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Four years

"The way to be happy is to make others so."
FUGERSOLL

Entering the class of '56 as a freshman, Helen is one of the few to complete four years at Mount Vernon. During her first year she dreamed of training her voice, and through diligent practice she has developed a clear, pleasing soprano. Helen has participated in many extra-curricular activities, often devoting her study halls to working for Mrs. Wood in the library. Although she has not gone out for varsity sports, Helen is always a cheering spectator at the games and has unselfishly given her time to the difficult task of score and timekeeper for the White Team. Bright and early on school mornings, a cheerful hello and a ready smile are Helen's greetings. Seldom anything but optimistic and friendly, she has been a good example for all of us.



White Team; Library Council, II, IV; Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.



Yellow Team, Captain, IV; Softball, II, III, IV; Hockey, III, IV; Basketball, IV; A.A., Vice President, III; Sports Club, II, III, IV; CELLOPHANE, IV.

Claudette Kay Whitfield

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Three years

"Light of step and heart." DE LA MARE

One of the best things in life is association with worthwhile companions, and we thank our stars for the opportunity of knowing Claud. Tolerant of all and critical of nothing, she takes her work seriously and life good-naturedly. Naivetee and gullibility cause Claudette to be the victim of many tall tales which invariably leave her blushing and saying, "Gosh! Really?" Around the campus, she is our happy-go-lucky comedienne with a warm heart and an abundance of school spirit. Claud has proven to be a human dynamo in the field of sports and even spends her Saturdays hunting. She is both the heroine and the president of the Yellow Team and she hopes to be a physical education teacher. We foresee a healthy future for our little athlete.

Creed of M.V.S

I believe in the school of my choice,
I believe in its works and it ways,
In the charm of its beauty serene I rejoice,
And its youth—after proud length of days.

I am glad its traditions are mine,
Through them I inherit my chance
For a dignified place in that unbroken line
That measures the span of advance.

I believe that its teachings ring true
On the spirit as well as the mind;
And since in my heart I believe as I do,
My duty stands clearly defined.

My allegiance I'm bound to avow,
For my school's reputation is mine,
I will never by word or by action allow
Its honor and fame to decline.

MARY E. COLGAN.

The Recessional

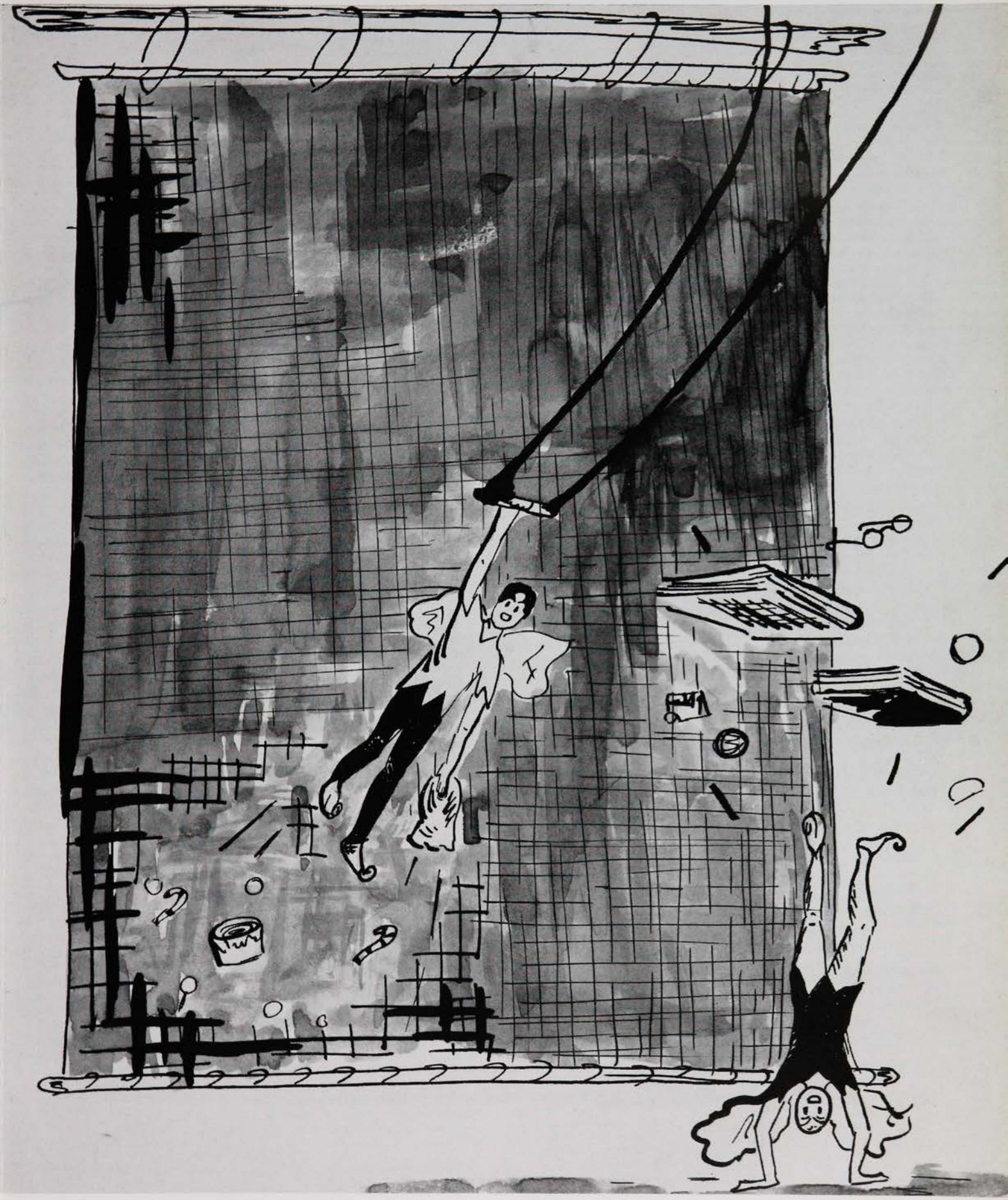
Hail to thy glory, strength, and love
Exalted now and evermore,
Hail to thy wisdom, prized above
All wisdom we have gained before
Loved M. V. S. thou shalt remain
Firm in our hearts, nor cease to reign.

"He conquers all who conquers self"
Shall be to us a guiding star,
Leading us on to greater wealth
In nobler thoughts where'er we are,
True to this aim we strive to be,
Strong in our loyalty to thee.

Lessons learned here must still prevail,
In kindlier deeds and larger life.
Friendships gained here can never fail,
High principles will conquer strife
Loved M. V. S., to thee we raise
Our grateful thanks and give our heartfelt praise.

With passing years thy daughters part
To spread thy fame wide as our land,
Let pride swell every loyal heart
To make thy name the firmer stand.
Loved M. V. S. to thee we sing
Homage we pay, our best we bring,—to Thee.

UNDERCLASSMEN



"We sleep, but the loom of life never stops, and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up in the morning."

BEECHER



First row, left to right: Margaret Anderson, Treasurer; Jessica LeBus, Daryl Curtis, Katherine Moody, Janet Gibbs. *Second row, left to right:* Miss Lester, Advisor; Suzanne Wells, Ann Bailey, Noni Roehm, Elizabeth Calderon, Frances Foss, Anne Morse. *Third row, left to right:* Caroline Brower, Carol Best, Susan White, Secretary; Louise Bertels, Ginger Robinson, Carolyn Edwards, Joanna Evins. *Fourth row left to right:* Chartley Ward, Emily Reeves, Martha Holt.

Form III

The year 1955-56 has been a busy one for the Third Form. Just to learn how much goes on in our class, why don't you drop in on one of our Thursday meetings? Here you will find Fran, our president, supervising nominations for a Valentine queen. Carol is elected. Our class is full of beauties, and for the Second Form's fashion show, Daryl is a model. Amidst all the confusion of elections, Prish is taking roll while Sue and Margaret give reports and ask for money. Barbara, Noni, Frances, Torrey and two Carolyn's interrupt the meeting with talks of A. A., Lend-A-Hand, Chapel Guild, and



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other extra curricular activities. Jane Brooks asks for ideas for CELLOPHANE, and when the Junior-Senior Banquet is mentioned—the whole gallery becomes a madhouse of excited voices. Miss Lester attempts to play the part of a Sergeant-at-Arms, and Jo Evins gives up on the idea of taking the minutes. As a 9:15 bell rings all the business of the meeting still hasn't been discussed, but it'll just have to wait until next Thursday.

Form II

We, the class of '58, returned after the summer months to an important year—the Sophomore year. We were intent on making this year the best and with seventeen new girls in our class we didn't see how we could miss. We attribute our success to our efficient class officers, led by our born organizer and class president, Jane Evins, and our never-to-be-forgotten class advisor, Mrs. Lowry. *Schamo* also deserves some praise. He is the little fawn that came to our class as a mascot. He has been present at all of our class meetings and his unfailing support helped us sponsor such a profitable class project. This project, a fashion show presented by the Hecht Company, was our great event of the year. Nine of our class beauties were models.

Our social life and academic studies together have provided an eventful and fun-packed year. It seems impossible that we have already completed half of the journey through high school. Our sincerest hope is to continue our careers at Mt. Vernon with the same interest and enthusiasm that we have had thus far.



First row, left to right: Nancy Renfro, Berkeley Jennings, Vice-President; Nancy Howar, Treasurer; Lynn Rosenberg, Secretary; Jane Evins, President; Penny Smith, Peggy Dickson. *Second row, left to right:* Hope Hutchins, Gail Coakley, Prue Banister, Nan Welker, Judith Teague, Sheila Quinn, Diane Hillow, Jeanne Clarke, Jean McInnis. *Third row, left to right:* Sandra Catsman, Field Archibald, Ginger Kennedy, Victoria Bateman, Pharis Spencer, Rickie Nissen, Luz Freire, Michael Ihlder, Susan Wiese, Mary Bernard, Mary Tiffey, Gay Morris, Linda Webb, Pamela Walsworth. *Absent:* Linda Foster, Edith Blair, Zelda Kraft, Virginia Chiperfield.
Insert: Mrs. Lowry.



First row, left to right: Victoria Weller, Jeanne Hill, Eleanor Macomber, Treasurer; Joy Schlager, President; Marta Miller, Vice-President; Pamela Butler, Secretary; Nancy Coss, Mary Lou Morton, Margaret Chapman, Jo Anna Kern. *Second row, left to right:* Sara Johnson, Cynthia Banister, Mrs. Jenney, Advisor; Candy Dalton, Anne O'Brien, Virginia Wright, Christopher Sears, Victoria Voell.

Form I

Hip! Hip!! Hooray!!! . . . High school at last . . . our own room . . . a class advisor, Mrs. Jenney . . . it's hard to believe.

Seventeen freshman came to Mount Vernon last September, some were confident, and a few excited. But it wasn't long before we got to know and like each other. As a group we learned that being the smallest class was certainly not reflected in our talents or our school spirit. Proof of this is found in our turnout at all the games, in the large percent of first formers on the academic and citizenship honor rolls, and in the success of our class project.

A great many of our class meetings this year were concerned among other things with choosing our class mascot, a fuzzy bunny, and planning one of the best and most profitable carnivals Mount Vernon had ever seen. Among the attractions of this carnival were the raffling off of a five dollar bill and the prophesies of a professional fortune teller.

We've really enjoyed ourselves this year and feel we owe a special thank-you to Mrs. Jenney who, with greatest patience, has tolerated our most juvenile tendencies.



First row: Daryl Curtis, Noni Roehm, JoAnna Kern, Shelby Parrish. *Second row:* Book Fair Assembly; snow statue by Art class; Beverly Blumberg, Prish Pierce, Torrey Matheson, Sandra Topping. *Third row:* Joy Schlager, Emily Reeves, Sue Cord, Sandra Topping, Sally Ann Cooke, Suzanne Wells, Mickey Catsman.



"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn."

Calendar

September

20—We begin!
22—Tea to meet Faculty
23—Old girl, new girl party
30—A.A. Field Day and Picnic

October

14-15—Yearbook Conference, at Columbia U. in New York
15—Picnic at Fair Haven
20—Trip to National Cathedral
21—End of Preliminary Report Period
29—Tour of White House for Boarders
Halloween Party
30—Second Form party for Freshmen

November

3—Assembly with Miss Margaret Deneke, pianist
4—Founder's Day
10—Assembly with Morris Frank and his seeing eye dog
11—End of First Report Period
17—Book Fair Assembly
18—Hockey Play Day at Stone Ridge
20—Christmas Book Fair and Tea
23-27—Thanksgiving Vacation
28—Tea for Parents

December

2—Bake Sale of the Fourth Form
10—Christmas Dance
11—Christmas Vespers



12—Optima Christmas Party
13—Christmas Dinner and Play
15—Christmas Vacation Begins

January

3—Christmas Vacation Ends
7—Trip to the National Art Gallery
26-29—Skytop and Mid-Year Break

February

11—Valentine Dance by the Third Form
23-25—Trip to the United Nations
27-1st—Posture Week
29—Leap Year—Sadie Hawkins Day —STEAK!!!

March

3—Senior Record Hop
10—Glee Club Concert and Dance with St. James
15—First Form Carnival
17—College Boards
22—Spring Vacation
Term Papers DUE!!!

April

3—Back from Vacation, Buffet Dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd
12—Pan American Day Assembly
23—Visit to Pan American Union

May

5—May Day Festival and Ball (Seniors)
11—Junior-Senior Banquet
25—Final Chapel, Installation of Officers, Presentation of *Cupola,* A.A. Banquet
30—Class Picnics

June

2—Alumnae Meeting and Luncheon
Commencement Dance
3—Baccalaureate
Buffet Supper—Parents and Graduates
Class Night
4—Commencement!!!!



Insert above; left, Mrs. Lloyd, *right,* Kate McDonald, President. *Left to right:* Darlene Dodge, Ann Carter, Kate McDonald, President; Jean Crawford, Essie Stripling, Frances Crigler, Carol Hughes, Joanna Evins, Secretary-Treasurer; Susan Rees. *Absent:* Jane Evins, Luz Freire, Marta Miller, Judy Simpson.

Optima

The purposes of Optima, the honor society of the School, are to give the students a goal toward which to strive, to uphold the academic standards of the School, to promote good citizenship. A candidate must achieve a position on both the citizenship and scholastic honor rolls in three out of four consecutive marking periods to be eligible for membership.

Although the meetings and initiations of Optima are held in secrecy its contributions to the School's extracurricular activities are well known. Among this year's projects were a tea for the alumnae, a Christmas party for the little children of Friendship House, and a party for the Faculty.

Optima membership carries with it certain privileges. Its members are entitled to special study hours and week-end considerations. Without doubt, it is an honor to bear the name and wear the pin of Optima—"the best."

Student Government

"Vincit qui se vincit"—He conquers who conquers himself—this is our school motto by which we try to live. Our school was founded on the understanding and tradition of this mutual pledge of honor and loyalty. The Student Council is the organization that governs our school and links the students and faculty.

The Student Body is represented by those who have been elected to the democratic council, which is made up of the Student Body President, Optima President, Student Body Representative, the presidents and vice-presidents of the four classes, and Miss Gutheim, our able advisor.

An officer pledges "To do all in my power to carry out faithfully the duties of the office to which I have been elected, to uphold the standards and to cherish the traditions of our school, and to serve her with a loyal and a steadfast heart." In turn the Student Body pledges its loyalty and support to these officers.

The purpose of House Council is to maintain order throughout Somers and Ames Houses. The council is comprised of the five hall proctors and the House President, Coco Curtenius, whose duty it is to enforce house rules. This year we have been fortunate in having a happy boarding department.

Besides its regular duties, House Council sponsored a buffet dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and several informal holiday parties in the "Rec Room". The spring picnic was also organized by the Council.

Student Council



Insert right: Essie Stripling, President. *Left to right:* Kate McDonald, Vice-President; Joanna Evins, Student Body Representative; Carol Hughes, Susan Rees, Frances Crigler, Prish Pierce, Jane Evins, Berkeley Jennings, Joy Schlager, Marta Miller, Miss Gutheim, Advisor; Essie Stripling, President.

Officers



First row, left to right: Darlene Dodge, Lottie Lanier, Margaret Ann Pentland, Nancy Cassedy. *Second row, left to right:* Colette Curtenius, Carol Hughes, Essie Stripling, Kate McDonald, Judy OudsHoff. *Absent:* Sandra Anderson.

House Council



Left to right: Hilda Hutchins, Katherine Moody, Jean Crawford, Colette Curtenius, President; Judith Teague, Secretary; Jane Brooks. *Absent:* Alice Carter, Jane Evins, Barbara Honaker, Patricia Pierce.

Chapel Guild

Morning chapel services at Mount Vernon enable all students to start the day off right and are especially helpful to those of us who occasionally get out on the wrong side of bed.

This year, the Chapel Guild, under the direction of Mrs. Lloyd and Darlene Dodge, tried to have as many girls as possible lead a service. Since these quiet moments each morning are meant for the teachers too, a faculty member has lead chapel at least once a week.

For Thanksgiving vespers, the old tradition of decorating the altar was revived. This custom observed at the old school, was discontinued during the war years. The Saturday before the service, the altar and stage were adorned with baskets of fruits and vegetables. After the services these were taken to the Washington Home for Incurables.

The Christmas spirit came early to Mount Vernon since our vacation started on the fifteenth. Yultide carols were sung and each form presented a program.

Chapel services this year have been interesting and inspiring and the ringing of the chapel bell will always be remembered as a important part of our days at Mount Vernon.



Insert: Darlene Dodge, President. *Standing, left to right:* Alice Carter, Margaret Ann Pentland, Jane Smith, Jo Lingo, Elda Santeiro. *Kneeling, left to right:* Lowry Smathers, Darlene Dodge, President; Katharine Hadow. *Absent:* Sandra Anderson, Mary Bernard, Colette Curtenius, Frances Foss, Margaret Gants, Nita Morgan, Victoria Voell.



Insert: Margaret Ann Pentland, President. Standing, left to right: Sheila Quinn, Noni Roehm, Mary Lou Morton, Mrs. Bierce, Advisor; Margaret Ann Pentland, President; Judy Simpson, Alice Carter, Secretary; Betty Hohlt, Treasurer; Judy OudsHoff, Nita Morgan, Hilda Hutchins, Jane Smith, Caroline Brower, Penny Smith. *Row one, left to right:* Jo Lingo, Gayle Grimes, Mary Gill. *Row two:* Sandra Ramage, Joyce Andrews, Ann Burroughs. *Row three:* Margaret Anderson, Lottie Lanier, Sara Harris. *Row four:* Katharine LeVan, Beverly Blumberg, Emily Reeves. *Row five:* Elda Santeiro, Judy Peirsol, Lowry Smathers. *Absent:* Sandra Anderson, Jean Crawford, Darlene Dodge, Barbara Ingalls, Jessica LeBus, Julie Salas, Suzanne Wells, Betty Ann Yonker.

Lend-a-Hand

Lend-a-Hand, as its name implies, is the philanthropic organization at Mount Vernon. It is governed by representatives of each form, but the whole student body constitutes the membership.

Lend-a-Hand takes a special interest in children. We have worked with the Foster Parent's Plan for several years, and this year, we enjoyed being both mother and father to a little Belgian girl. We sent clothes, toys, and useful items to her, and in return, received many heartwarming letters of friendship and appreciation.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Merriweather Home for colored orphans. The happiness that we were able to bring to those children emphasized the meaning of Christmas and made each of us feel like a Santa Claus.

When we were asked to give one of the Thursday assemblies this year, we were fortunate to have Mr. Morris speak to us about the remarkable work of the Seeing Eye Association.

Lend-a-Hand is also affiliated with the March of Dimes, the Community Chest and the Cancer Society. We feel especially privileged to be a part of the Junior Red Cross, a world-wide organization.

We have enjoyed doing our small part for the needy and hope that Lend-a-Hand will continue its worth while and rewarding work in the future.



CUPOLA STAFF—*Center:* Judith OudsHoff, Editor. PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF—*Left to right:* Beverly Knode, Susan Rees, Photography Editor; Katharine LeVan, Lee Jones, Ann Burroughs, Sandra Ramage *Absent:* Jane Smith, Lowry Smathers, Jean Hill, Anne O'Brien. LITERARY STAFF—*Seated on floor, left to right:* Linda Hall, Literary Editor; Betty Ann Yonker, Barbara Fleming, Assistant Editor; *Seated, left to right:* Eleanor Macomber, Sara Harris, Nancy Cassedy, Patsy Stanton, Peggy Rucker, Beverly Carter, Susan Mulford, Kate McDonald. *Absent:* Judy Peirsol, Assistant Literary Editor. BUSINESS STAFF— *Back row, left to right:* Julie Andreae, Señorita Carroll, Advisor; Jean Crawford, Business Manager; Caroline Brower, Treasurer; Mary Lou Morton, Marta Miller, Christopher Sears. *Middle row, left to right:* Leslie Gray, Nita Morgan, Betty Hohlt. *Front row, left to right:* Katharine Bonfoey, Carolyn Adair, Susan White. ART STAFF—*Left to right:* Victoria Weller, Paula Spano, Sandra Anderson, Art Editor; Penny Smith.

Cupola

The members of the yearbook staff have worked hard this year as the "weavers" of CUPOLA for 1956. We hope that you enjoy our bit of "tapestry", and will be able to look back on it with fond memories in the years ahead, seeing in it your own thread of life at Mount Vernon interwoven throughout.

Carousel

"Is there anyone that does not want a CAROUSEL?"

This was the cry of the traveling saleswoman as she went from one class meeting to another advertising her goods. Just what is this thing called a CAROUSEL that no Mt. Vernon student should be without? It's the annual literary publication of the school, a composite of the outstanding literary works of our classmates. In it can be found the hidden talents of our friends in the form of short stories, compositions, essays, character sketches, descriptive passages, and poetry.

The selections are submitted by students of all Forms. It is the responsibility of the Carousel staff, with the advice of Miss Yennie, to select those writings which are deemed best. The staff strove this year to compile a pamphlet of little masterpieces that varied in form, style, subject matter and author and we hope all subscribers are proud to have a copy on their bookshelves.



Left to right: Linda Hall Co-editor; Miss Yennie, Advisor; Mindy Rice, Art Editor; Katharine LeVan, Eidtor; Kate Hadow, Business Manager.



Insert: Jane Brooks, Editor. *Top row, left to right:* Mrs. Faxon, Advisor; Carolyn Edwards, Louise Bertels, Jessica LeBus, Ginger Robinson, Sandra Anderson, Torrey Matheson, Susan White, Chartley Ward, Frances Crigler, Daryl Curtis, Margaret Anderson, Paula Spano, Judith Peirsol, Jane Brooks, Editor. *Second row, left to right:* Sally Cooke, Martha Holt, Emily Reeves, Sandra Topping, Beverly Blumberg, Susan Cord. *Bottom row, left to right:* Patricia Pierce, Caroline Brower, Barbara Fleming, Ann Bailey, Joanna Evins, Claudette Whitfield, Diane Genge. *Absent:* Beverly Carter, Nancy Cassedy, Colette Curtenius, Mary Frances Howe, Lottie Lanier, Patsy Stanton, Gayle von Plonski.

Cellophane

CELLOPHANE is Mount Vernon's newspaper. It is published monthly by a staff who contributes their writing talents to keeping the student body informed about the latest Mount Vernon parties, events and news. It also gives "promising" writers a chance to show their writing ability.

This year CELLOPHANE has experimented with a new type of printing and the results have been well worth the extra effort. We have tried to issue a bigger and better paper and with the support of the student body and the help of our advisor, Mrs. Faxon, we have produced a paper full of news, clever ideas and originality. Fran Crigler as Art Editor, Caroline Brower as Sports Editor, Jo Evins as Feature Editor, Marty Holt and Chartley Ward as Word-Bird Editors, Torrey Matheson as Photography Editor, Emily Reeves and Shelby Parrish as Humor Editors and Prish Pierce as Business Manager have done wonderful work helping Jane Brooks, Editor, put out a successful paper.

Aside from its regular staff of editors, literary articles are gladly accepted from all students and in this way, the paper becomes a school project and uncovers hidden writing talents in all of the Forms.

Glee Club

Everyone knows what a glee club is, but not many people realize how many hours of practice it entails for the members. It is one of the school's busiest activities and affords membership to any girl who enjoys singing in a choral group, quartets, duets or even in a solo.

The Christmas Program was the first of the Glee Club's activities. The program opened with several carols after which the Prep Players presented a thrilling and beautiful Christmas play.

As spring drew near, another big event came with it—our main production of the year. The theme was a carnival, equipped with such trimmings as merry-go-rounds, swings and balloons. We practiced feverishly every afternoon, but our hard work was justified by the interest and enjoyment with which the audience received the program.

The Glee Club also sang at St. James School, at several Sunday vesper services in Lloyd Hall and at the traditional Baccalaurete Service at the close of the year.

Through the efforts of Mrs. VanKirk, Gayle Grimes—President, and our officers, 1955-1956 proved to be an interesting and successful year.



Insert: Gayle Grimes, President. *First row, left to right:* Gayle Grimes, President; Carolyn Edwards, Vice-President; Margaret Gants, Treasurer; Mindy Rice, Secretary; Gail Coakley, Diana Hillow, Sheila Quinn, Jo Anna Kern, Mickey Catsman. *Second row, left to right:* Gayle von Plonski, Nan Welker, Jane Evins, Cynthia Bannister, Berkeley Jennings, Katharine Hadow, Carol Best, Judith Teague, Susan Wiese. *Third row, left to right:* Joy Schlager, Pamela Butler, Peggy Dickson, Victoria Bateman, Frances Crigler, Anne Morse, Chartley Ward, Joanna Evins, Margaret Anderson. *Fourth row, left to right:* Helen Wheeler, Armistead Adams, Michael Ihlder, Elizabeth Calderon, Suzanne Wells, Patricia Pierce, Ginger Robinson, Margaret Chapman, Virginia Wright. *Fifth row, left to right:* Hilda Hutchins, Nancy Coss, Sandra Topping, Martha Holt, Nancy Renfro, Sally Cooke, Jessica LeBus, Mrs. Van Kirk, Advisor; Mr. Laufman. *Absent:* Edith Blair, Virginia Chiperfield, Candy Dalton, Linda Foster, Hope Hutchins.



Insert: Elda Santeiro: President. *First row, left to right:* Mary Bernard, Joan Griffen, Janet Gibbs, Daryl Curtis, Julie Salas, Alice Carter, Secretary-Treasurer; Peggy Maddock, Lottie Lanier, Ann Bailey, Elda Santeiro, President; Carol Hughes, Mrs. Heflin, Advisor. *Second row, left to right:* Louise Bertels, Noni Roehm, Mary Gill, Alice Gibson, Prue Banister, Pamela Walsworth. *Absent:* Joyce Andrews, Frances Arthur, Susan Cord, Colette Curtenius, Katherine Moody, Rickie Nissen.

Prep Players

Prep Players started the year under the expert and wise supervision of our new director, Mrs. Heflin. Our membership had been decreased by graduation, but after the annual try-outs, we acquired new and eager members. Who would ever think Mt. Vernon had so many promising starlets?

We had little time to become acquainted with Mrs. Heflin and our new members before we found ourselves in the midst of rehearsals for the highlight of the year, the Christmas play. Emphasis was put not just on character portrayal but on effective make-up and set-designs. For this program, we chose a play by Lloyd C. Douglas, collaborating with the Glee Club for the production of *Home for Christmas.* The appreciative applause of the audience and favorable review in the CELLOPHANE indicated that "opening night" was a success.

The Christmas play finished, plans and rehearsals were in order for our Spring Program. For this, we presented Louise Van de Verg's *Prom Night.* This performance "brought down the house" again, and the last curtain-call closed the stage on a successful year.





CHRISTMAS PLAY

"Home for Christmas"

Presented December 14, 1955



Library Council

Books and newspapers strewn about—stacks of unopened mail—a scarcity of overdue notices—(Joy!). Could this chaotic place be the library at Mount Vernon? Of course not, but it could be, if one vital organization were removed from the campus. Yes, the absence of the Library Council would certainly put undo strain upon Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Davis. They would find it hard to complete all the small daily tasks required to keep the library in smooth running order in addition to performing their administrative duties.

Those helpful members of the council devote at least one period a week to helping Mrs. Wood. By the nature of their duties, they receive valuable training in many phases of library work. What could be more worth-while than gaining constructive knowledge while doing your school a real service?

The annual Book Fair and assembly, sponsored by the Library Council, was highly successful again this year. The proceeds of the fair were spent on additional library equipment and books.

Hats off to the busy beavers who do not let the Library Book Cart get upset!



Insert: Julie Salas, President. *Top row, left to right:* Nan Welker, Sandra Anderson, Julie Salas, Chairman; Carolyn Adair, Gayle von Plonski, Victoria Bateman, Mary Bernard, Margaret Gwathmey. *Bottom row, left to right:* Peggy Dickson, Mrs. Wood, Advisor; Mary Gill, Helen Wheeler, Elda Santeiro, Mrs. Davis, Jane Evins. *Absent:* Candy Dalton, Judy Oudshoff.



Insert: Nancy Cassedy, President. *Left to right:* Nancy Cassedy, President; Peggy Rucker, Jeanne Clarke, Mrs. Strock, Advisor; Jo Anna Kern, Caroline Brower, Beverly Carter, *Absent:* Torrey Matheson, Rickie Nissen.

Social League

The Social League adds variety and spice to life at Mount Vernon Seminary. This year, we, its members, strove for bigger and better dances and feel that we reached this goal. We owe our success to the enthusiastic and cooperative participation of the league's members and the entire student body.

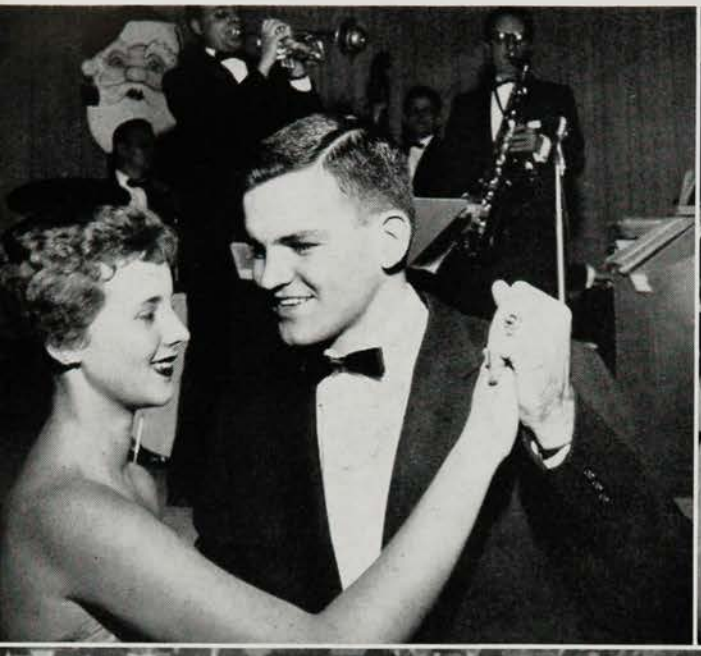
At the beginning of the year, each form elected two representatives—one day student and one boarder. Organizing themselves immediately and advised by Mrs. Strock, they began work on the Halloween Hop. This was a tremendous success and raised only one query, "When is the next dance?"

That question was answered by the Christmas Dance. Lloyd Hall, transformed into a glittering fairyland, provided a striking background for the dancing couples.

The Commencement dance is the highpoint of the social calendar and makes the year socially complete. We work feverishly on plans and preparations and are always gratified by the success of the dance.

The time and effort spent by the Social League resulted in many fond memories as well as friendlier boarder-day student relationships.

Christmas Dance





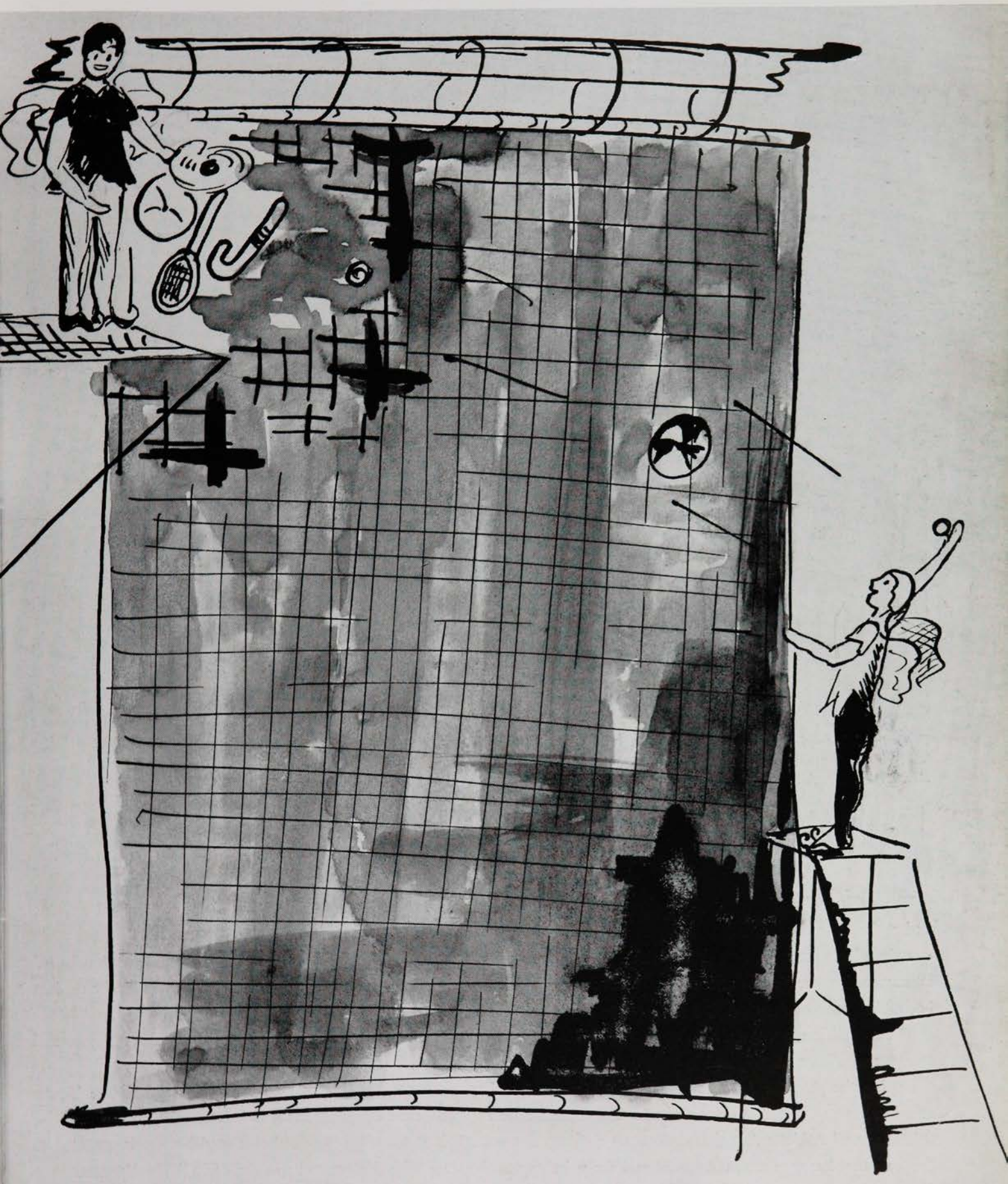








ATHLETICS



"What a golden thread of Harmony guides us through the nature of things!"

STERRY



Top row, left to right: Claudette Whitfield, Yellow Team Captain; Miss Gilmore, Advisor; Lottie Lanier, President; Patsy Stanton, White Team Captain First Semester; Barbara Berry, Ann Carter. *Bottom row, left to right:* Penny Smith, Candy Dalton, Carolyn Edwards. *Absent:* Field Archibald, Secretary; Betty Hohlt, White Team Captain Second Semester.

The Athletic Association

The Athletic Association, a vital part of our school, provides us with an opportunity to participate in physical activity, and at the same time, exercise some genuine school and team spirit.

All students are members of the Athletic Association when they enter Mount Vernon. The Athletic Association Board is composed of the Yellow and White Team captains, a secretary, treasurer, and other representatives elected by the student body. The work of these officials is supervised by Lottie Lanier, president, and faculty advisor, Miss Gilmore.

The association works on a point system and bestows honors, in the form of felt letters, to outstanding players and students who have participated in activities, improving their skills and supporting their team.

During the year the Athletic Association sponsors two big events—Field Day, in which Yellow and White Teams compete in an afternoon of races and other games, and Posture Week, another spirited contest between the two color teams.

The annual Athletic Association Banquet climaxes the year. It is at this dinner that the coveted banner is awarded to the team that has won the most games and the point cup to the team with the greatest number of individual points.

The fond memories of sportsmanship, fair play and team spirit will live on, endeared in the hearts of the Athletic Association members long after scores have been forgotten.

Sports

Crossed sticks, free shot, net-ball, batter-up—these symbolize our four seasons of sports during which many thrilling games were played both with other schools and between our color teams, the Yellows and the Whites.

Hockey, that fast and exciting game, started the fall sports' activities. Even new girls, who knew nothing of the game, joined the veterans in putting on the shin-guards and grabbing sticks. Some of these eager beavers proved to be star players. This year, the players were often champions on the field, but not always victorious in inter-school games. However, the spirit of the team compensated for its losses.

With the advent of winter, sports moved indoors for the long-awaited basketball practices and competition. The girls practiced guarding, shooting and dribbling for weeks, becoming polished players in preparation for the choosing of the varsity color teams.

In our interscholastic games even our one night game, the gym was crowded, cheering was loud, and scores were close. Time and again our speedy forwards charged through a strong defense and brought the cheerleaders to their feet as a shot was sunk to break a tie. The cries of, "Hey, Hey, take it away!" worked like a charm this year, for when the final whistle blew, Mt. Vernon was often the winner.

In the spring, sports again took to the warm outdoors with tennis and softball holding the spotlight. However, there weren't any signs of spring fever on the courts or "diamond" because the Yellows and the Whites were both out to fight to win.

During the entire year, the cheerleaders were hard at work on new cheers and routines, and the regular gym classes were working on dance composition, exercises, fencing and golf. At the end of the year, equipment was put away and game scores and team points were carefully tallied for the announcement, at the A. A. Banquet, of the individual letter awards and of the victorious team for the year.

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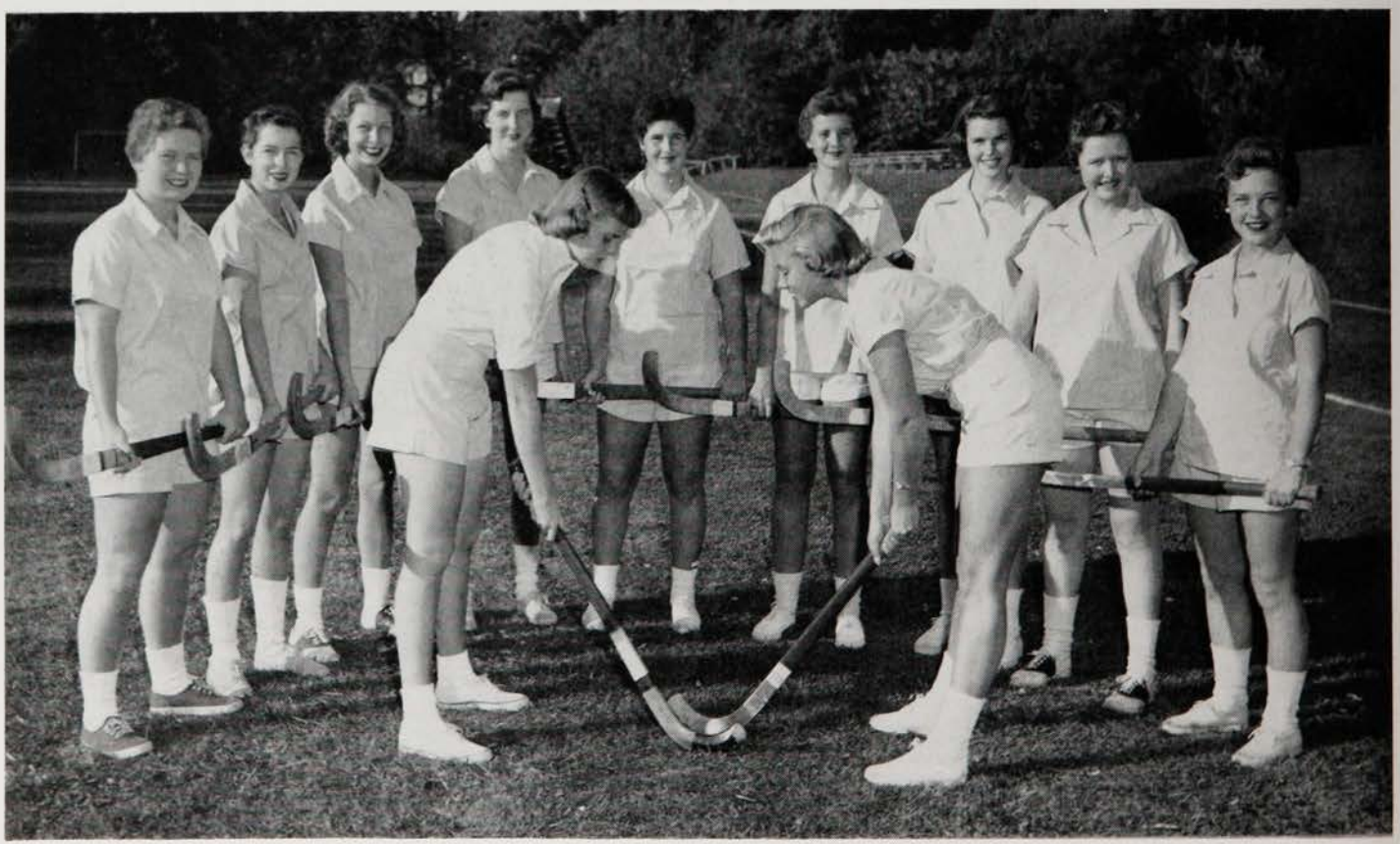
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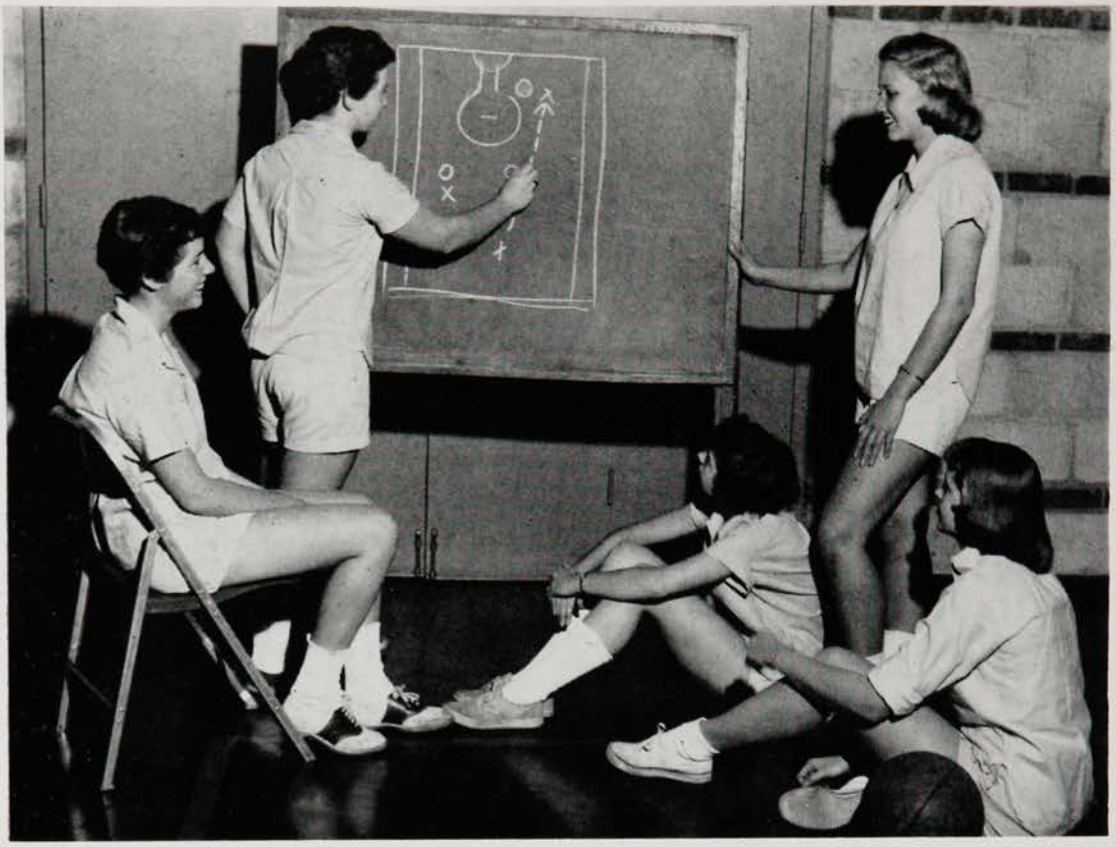
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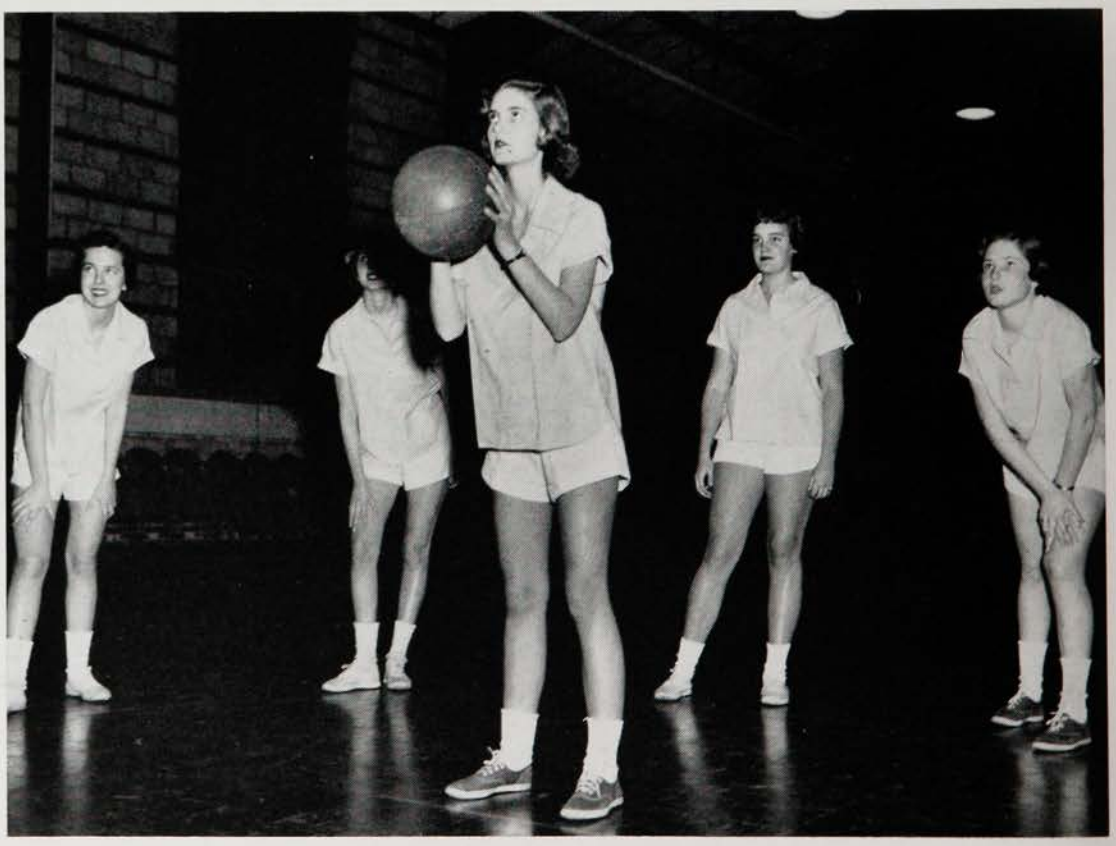
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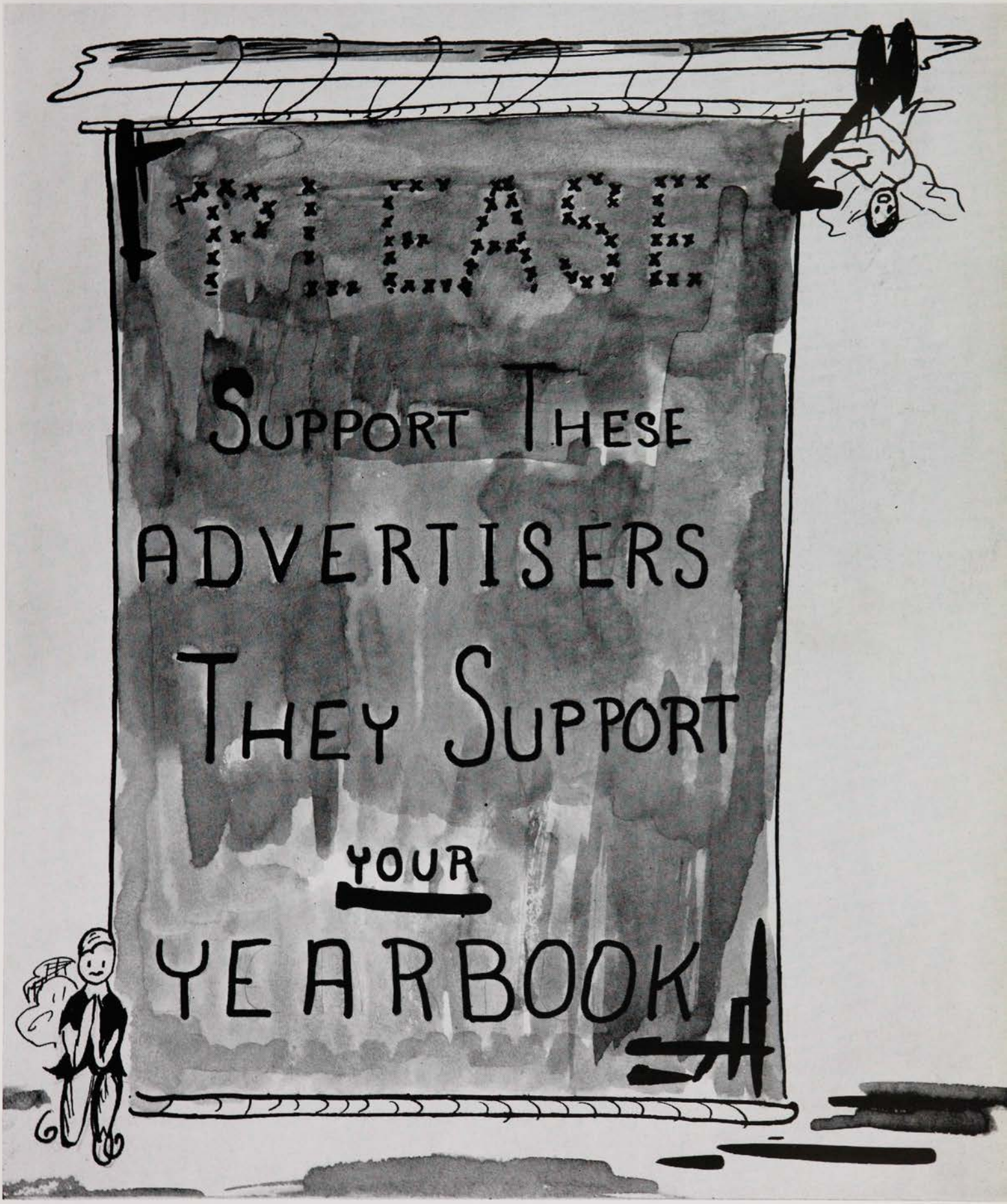
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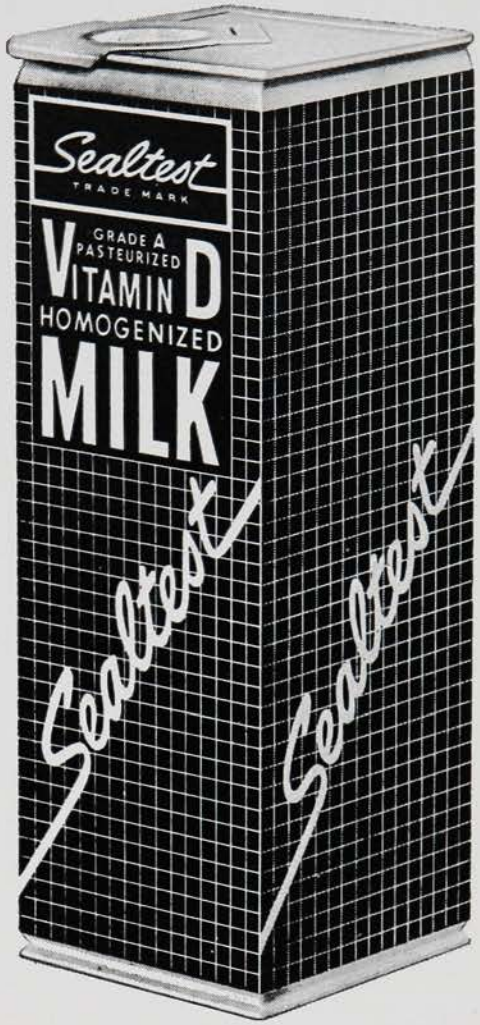
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Sandra Anderson	Sandy	"Dance With Me Henry"	Didn't know any better!	Wouldn't you like to know
Julie Andreae	Jules	"I'll Never Know"	Appealing campus, great girls	??????
Joyce Andrews		"Song of the Dreamer"	Sometimes I wonder	Not quite sure
Katherine Bonfoey	Kam	"Sixteen Tons"	Wanted to go away	I don't know
Ann Burroughs	Burroughes	"Dirty Lil"	Where else is there?	Bonnie and Penny *can* talk
Alice Carter	Carter	"Autumn Leaves"	Heaven only knows	Probably won't
Ann Carter		"Bop and Circumstance"	To appreciate my Cal. sunshine	Cheated
Beverly Carter	Bev	"It's too Late Now"	Strong influence from home	Gave parties for teachers
Nancy Cassedy	Bird	"Only You"	No choice	With a push
Jean Crawford	Jeanie	"I'll Never Stop Loving You"	Heard M. V. S. was a country club	Refer to Amendment V.
Colette Curtenius	Coco	"Yellow Team"	Catalogue had nice pictures	I really do try
Darlene Dodge	Dar	"Young and Foolish"	I was lonely too	Just lucky I guess
Margaret Gants	S.D.	"I Hear Ya Knockin"	Wish I knew	Did I?
Mary Gill	Red	"Sixteen Tons"	Wish I knew	Bribing the teachers
Joan Griffen	Grif-Grif	"Good Night Irene"	To get some rest	Sheer luck
Gayle Grimes	Grimy	"Love is a Many Splendored Thing"	Bonnie liked my dad	Skin of my teeth
Katherine Hadow	Kate	"Heartbeat"	To learn about America	Cramming
Linda Hall	Little Linda	"Too Young"	Mistook the guards for Mids	On roller skates
Sara Harris	Bunny	"Mountain Dew"	Ask Angie, she must know	Bluffed
Betty Hohlt	Smiley	"Dirty Lil"	I didn't	I didn't
Barbara Honaker	Honnie	"Sixteen Tons"	To meet people from all over	I slid through
Carol Hughes	Carola	"The Eyes of Texas"	Wouldn't let me in anywhere else	12:30 light cuts
Hilda Hutchins		"Autumn Leaves"	To learn something	Lucky
Barbara Ingalls	Butterbean	"Blue Moon"	To put oranges in Map's laundry bag	A little talent
Page Jennings	Penny	"Memories are Made of This"	To see Washington	After lights
Elizabeth Jones	Lee	"Now is the Hour"	To take trig	The door was open
Beverly Knode	Knode	"I Hear Ya Knockin"	*Mother!!!*	Studying???
Lottie Lanier	Otto	"Our Alma Mater Glorious"	Fine Question	All Pooptima Presidents are smart
Kitten LeVan	Rabbit	"Love is a Many Splendored Thing"	They made me	Just—
Jo Lingo	Chico	"Sixteen Tons"	Is there any place else?	Heaven only knows
Peggy Maddock	Mad-Maddock	"C'est Magnifique"	Tell me, we'll both know	? I don't belong to Optima
Kate McDonald	Katie	"Miss You"	Followed a butterfly	With Claudette's help
Nita Morgan		"If I Loved You"	?	Top secret
Susan Mulford	Mole	"He"	To contrast North and South	$64,000 question
Judy OudsHoff	Outhouse	"Blue Moon"	Heard they had telephones	Midnight in the bathtub
Judy Peirsol	Parasol	"Love is a Many Splendored Thing"	Advantages of boarding school	Skin of my teeth
Margaret Pentland	Map	"Jet"	I was lonely	By accident
Sandra Ramage	Wink	"The Lord's Prayer"	Is there any place else?	Sweat and Toil
Susan Rees	Susie	"I Love Paris"	To escape	My two helpers, Webster and Roget
Mary Melinda Rice	Mindy	"Nantucket Isle"	Tradition	The 5 year plan
Peggy Rucker	Root	"One Night of Love"	Sent by Juvenile court	A breeze
Julie Salas		"Sailor Boy"	Pure force	A mystery
Elda Santeiro	El Dorado	"Money Burns a Hole in my Pocket"	To get some good food!	F.B.I. hasn't figured that
Judy Simpson	Simple	"Young and Foolish"	You're asking Me?	Skin of my teeth
Lowry Smathers	Lowie	"Star Eyes"	It looked nice in the catalogue	Barely
Jane Smith	Bigun	"Bewitched"	I was sent	Don't ask me
Patricia Stanton	Fatsy	"Pomp and Circumstance"	To see the President	By studying
Essie Stripling	Strip	"One Night of Love"	Escape from the "Blackboard Jungle"	You tell me
Barbara Trunnell	Barb	"Begin the Beguine"	Dunno	Haven't yet
Adele von Plonski	Gayle	"Moments to Remember"	No sé por qué	No sé como
Helen Wheeler		"Boston Fancy"	Family Alumnae	By hard work
Claudette Whitfield	Claud	"Down the old Ox Road"	To learn something	I'll answer that in June

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My brain		The wash	To be a star athlete
"Tears" and candy	HALLELUJAH!	U.S.N.A.	Social worker
Piano played by someone (?)	Memories to look back on	A fun place	Boss's secretary, and wife!
Boys	Keep trying!	Jo Lingo's room	To be a model
Michigan	Procrastinate	Virginia Beach	Member of Phi Beta Kappa
Talking too much	Eat today, diet tomorrow	Georgia Tech	I want men!
Trouble	Ah men!	The zoo with my family	To get a head
Boys with blue eyes	Leave a good looking corpse	Drag House at U.S.N.A.	To take care of Bird
Boys with blond crew-cuts	What a snap!	Bonnie's doghouse	To obtain a Mrs. degree
Putting work off	A freshman again?	Anywhere off campus	Make holes for doughnuts
I can't say no—	I'll be back—	243 Brown Hall	Distressingly normal . . . what every . . .
New York and food	Good luck Juniors	My room	To get married
Everything	Now I want to stay	Duke University	Just to have fun
Telephone	I'm beginning a tradition	Maryland University	Twist Pretzels
Bed springs	Good night	At the bridge table	Tester of Beauty Rest Mattresses
John J. Schroeder	Farewell . . . Good-bye . . . Ain't that a shame!	Wherever John is	To be Mrs. John J. Schroeder
Dreaming	First fears are overcome	Home	Dress designer
The guards at the gate	I've never had a thought yet	Hong Kong	To get a driver's license
Men in charcoal grey	It's been wonderful!	Wherever the party is	Have 2 boys and 2 girls
Mexico	You've got a banana in your ear	Virginia Beach	To eat a banana!
Boys	Can't wait till Thanksgiving	Field House	To get married
Three desserts and Garfinckels	Drop in and chat!	Gusti's	Head dishwasher at M.V.S.
Food	Glad it's over but really hate to leave	The Field House	Housewife
Jewelry, clothes and men	Get out and mix!!!	University of Alabama	Member of Phi Delta Theta
Hillbilly Music	So long it's been good to know you	V.P.I.	6 children and a small farm
That Plebe	Make the most of every minute you have	Techomseh!	To be the Princeton Tiger
Men in uniform	Thank goodness I'm finally out	Ye ole crabtown	To live hard, die young, and leave a beautiful memory
My grosse orange anthology	Fooled ya didn't I?	Outside those Pearly Gates	Largest button collector
Gooey deserts	MEEEEEP!	Anywhere the mood puts me	Debbie Reynolds' figure
TEXAS and lemons	It's good to be out	Field House	To tell banana jokes
Using everyone's toothpaste	My mother rides a tricycle	Brown University	A Dancer
Kent	Smile! Don't cry!	The clothesline	Cheaper by the dozen
Glasses and shoes	Boo!!	Home	To have 20 pairs of glasses
Uniforms	Live fast, love hard and die young	1918 N. Street	The Tigers to win the Pennant
Florida	Hasta luego	Out of mind	To be a yearbook editor
Cheese cake	I hate to leave	Blue Mirror	Marry
Calypso Music	I think I'm going nuts	My closet	Blue eyes
A peroxide bottle	Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we get expelled!	823 club	A peroxide bottle
Ah Homework!	Bubble Bubble, Toil and Trouble	Follow your heart!	To tell ships from boats
Vacations	Vincit qui se vincit	Off Campus	To be successful
Va. Men	Hey Big! Lets go!	Washington Monument	To ban Mondays from the week
Food	Cheer up Juniors the worst is yet to come	Somer's Rec Room	To devour Oyster Bay
Furs and sleep	How did I do it?	Bed	Make all Varsities
Food	There's one in every crowd	Wherever they'll let me in	Interpreter for the U.N.
Movies and records	YAAHOOO!!	MacArthur	Land a man
Jewelry	Allelujah for Brother Timothy	Harvey's	To be tall
Playing Bridge	So long, it's been great	The library	To veto smoking regulations
Jennifer	Oh for alumna week	Oh clutch; I don't know	Greatest weather woman
Roger		Roma Restaurant	12 children
Nice warm weather	I wish it would get warm	Where school isn't mentioned	To graduate
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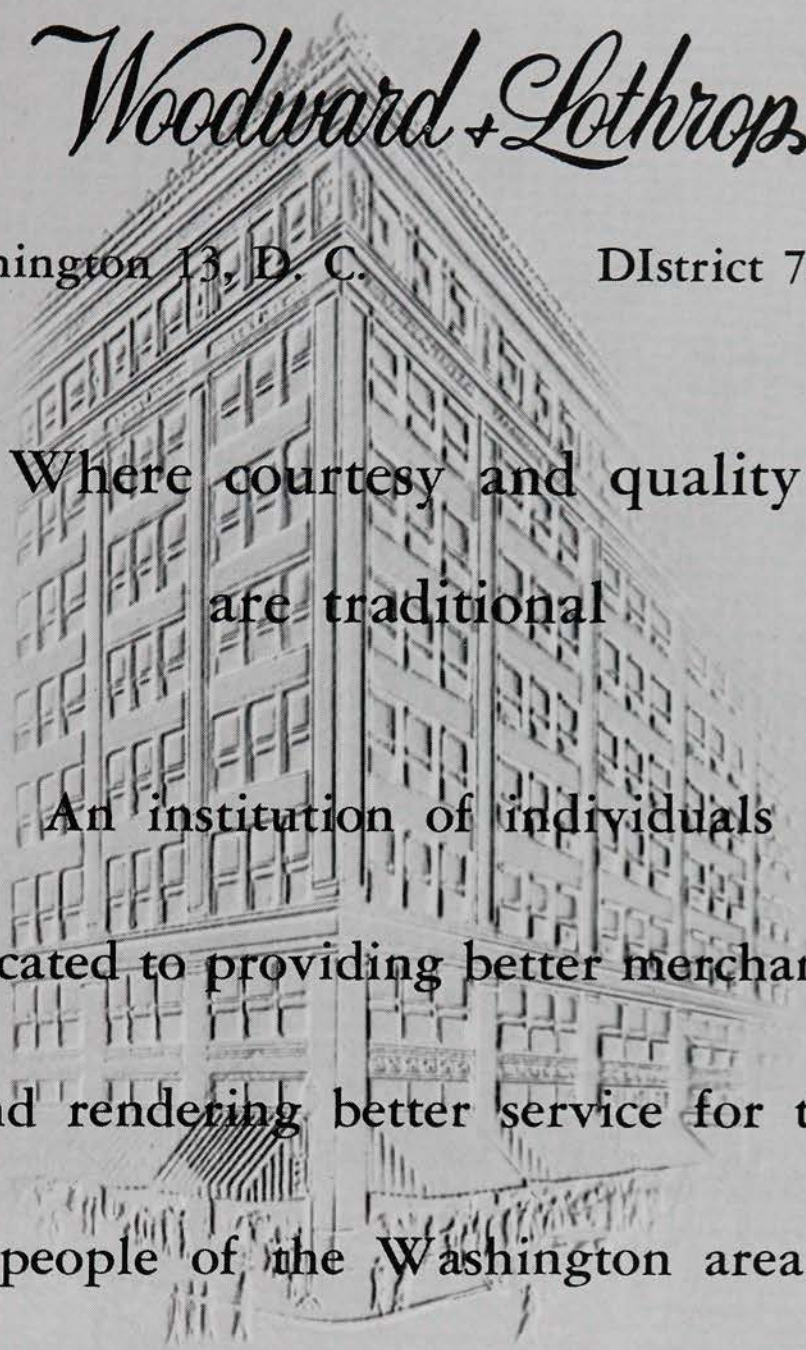
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ARTICLE I

The name of the council shall be The Student Council of Mount Vernon Seminary.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. The purpose of the Council shall be to interpret the needs and the opinion of the student body, to establish and maintain standards of citizenship which the student body will follow, and to recommend to the faculty rules and changes suggested and supported by the student body.

SECTION 2. The duties of the Council are to set an example for the school by sincerely trying to carry out all regulations and thus earning the right to enforce them, to make clear what is expected of each student so that we may live in closer understanding and harmony, and to be the judicial body of the school. This last includes seeing that the rules are obeyed, trying to find out why a certain rule is disobeyed, and, if necessary, disciplining the offenders (with the consent of the Headmistress and the Administration). Another duty is to orient new students. This includes appointing a student advisor for the first form until they have officers of their own, being hostesses at an introductory party for the new students, and being personally responsible for the new students, seeing that they become acquainted with the school. Other duties are to nominate candidates for the citizenship honor rolls, to attend all student and school functions possible in order to promote more interest, to enforce dress regulations, to maintain order in the study hall and library, to maintain order in chapel, to assist extra-curricular activities if they desire the Council's help, and to read and be responsible for living up to the constitution.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. The members of the council shall be: the Student Body President, the President of Optima, a student body representative (elected from the first three forms), and the president and vice-president of each of the four forms.

SECTION 2. The Headmistress of the preparatory school shall be an honorary member of the council.

SECTION 3. The Student Body President shall be the presiding officer, and the Optima President shall preside in her absence. The Student Body Representative shall be the secretary and treasurer.

SECTION 4. At least one faculty member, nominated by the Council and appointed by the Headmistress, shall be adviser to the Council. The faculty adviser(s) shall serve for one year, and may be eligible for re-election.

SECTION 5. Each member of the council shall have one vote, except the presiding officer. The Headmistress has veto power.

ARTICLE IV

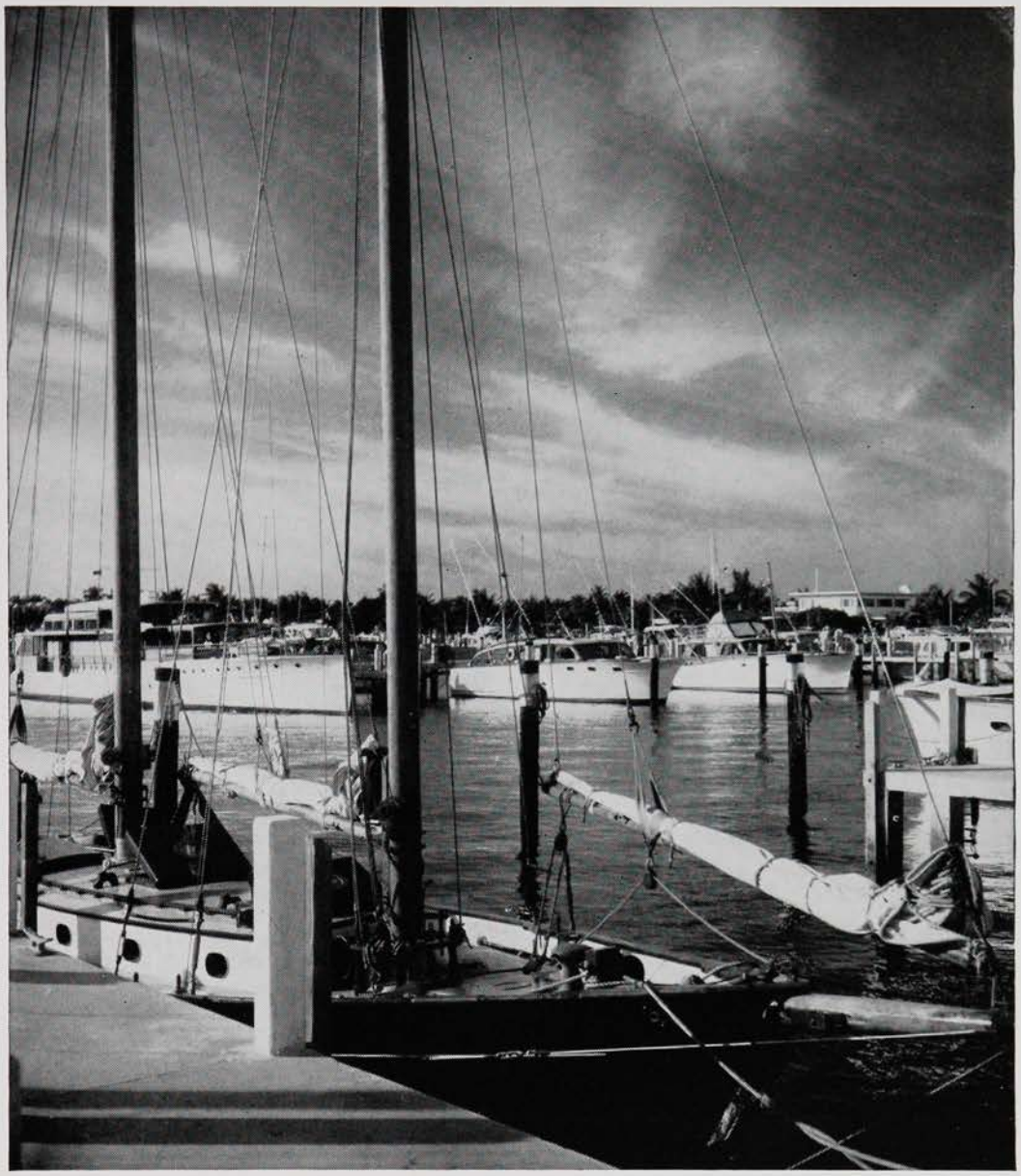
The Council shall have as many meetings a month as necessary.

ARTICLE V

The qualifications to be met by a student to merit a place on the Citizenship Honor Rolls are loyalty to the school, integrity, dependability, courtesy, thoughtfulness, constructive participation in school functions and class activities, good sportsmanship, commendable speech, behavior, attitude, and dress—both in school and off-campus—excellent house record if the student is a boarder, and nomination and unanimous vote by the council.

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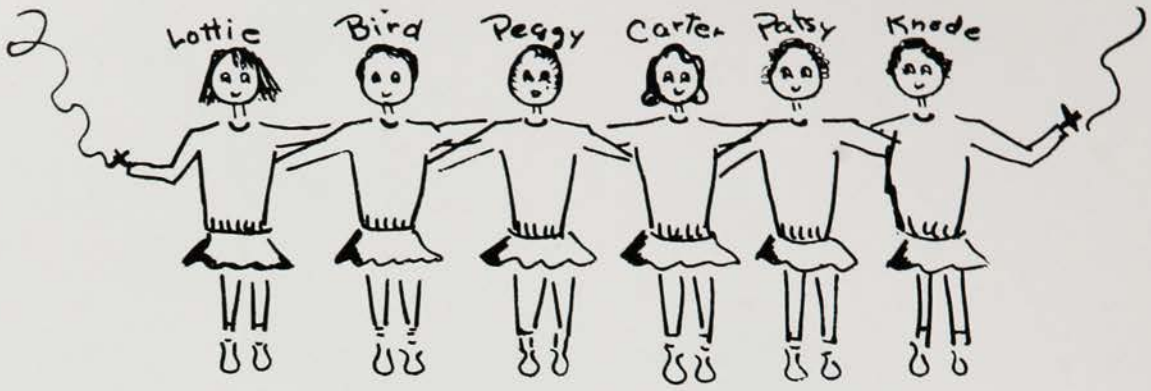
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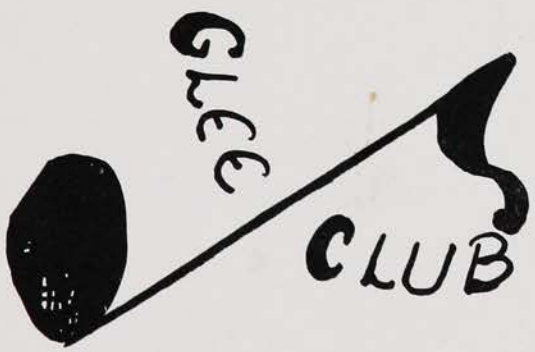
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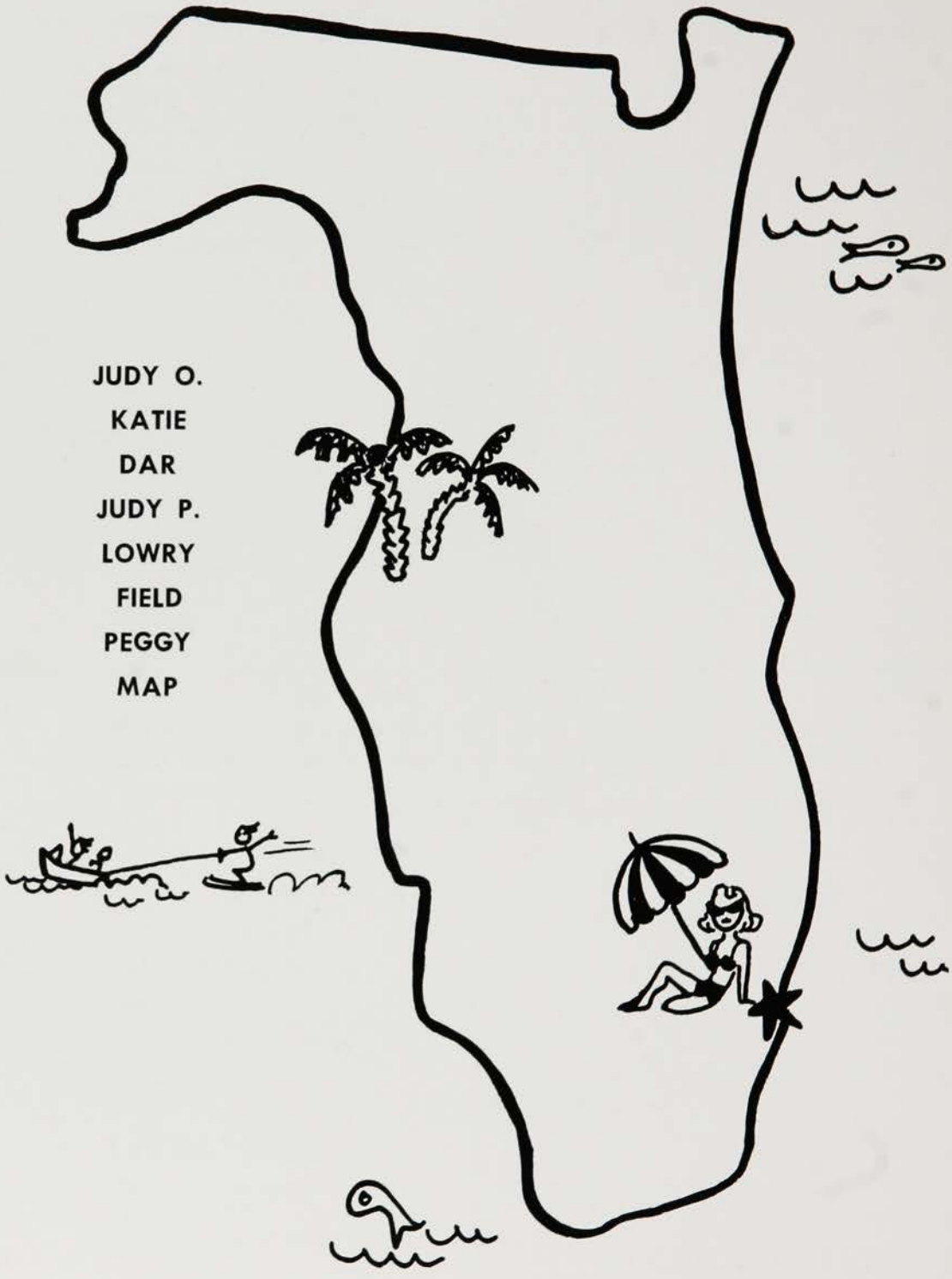
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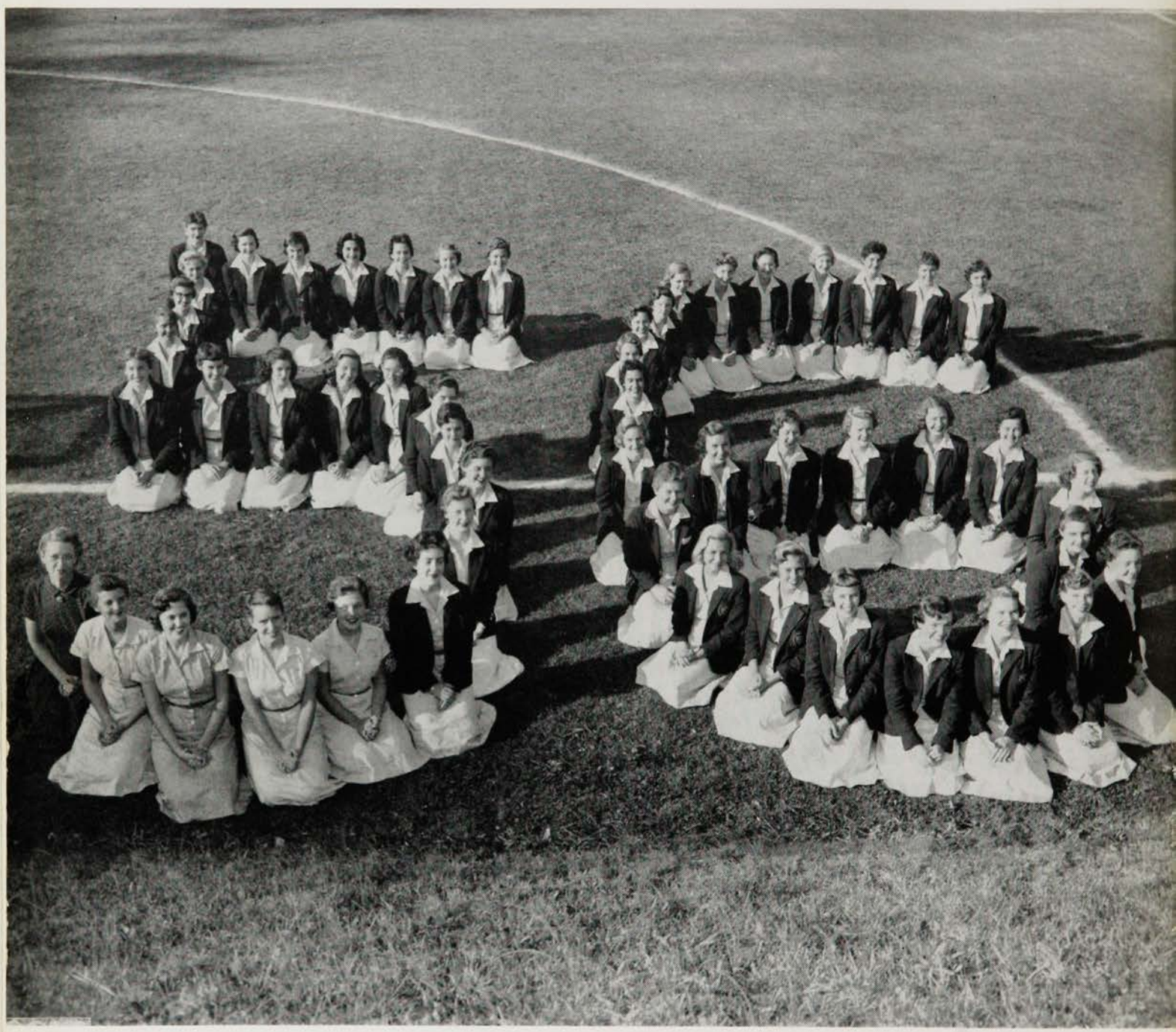
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